

Experts: Kim Jong Il showing off to world

BY ASHLEY ROWLAND
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — North Korea's nuclear test Monday was driven by ailing Kim Jong Il's plans to smooth the transition for his successor and send a defiant signal to the United States that North Korea considers itself an equal player in negotiations, experts said on Tuesday.

North Korea detonated a nuclear bomb underground and launched several short-range missiles Monday. After strong international rebukes, it tested two more short-range missiles on Tuesday.

"I think the internal dynamics are driving a lot of this," Daniel Pinkston, an international security expert with the International Crisis Group in Seoul, said of Monday's launch.

Monday's test came as no surprise to experts, who said North Korea announced possible nuclear tests several weeks ago. But Kim Yong-hyun, a professor of North Korean studies at Dongguk University, said the tests were conducted earlier than expected.

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"a remarkable achievement," he said.

He said the tests show that Kim is still in firm control of the country.

A spokesman for South Korea's Ministry of National Defense said U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Walter Sharp spoke with South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff commander Gen. Kim Tae-young twice Monday in a videoconference. The spokesman declined to comment on what the two discussed, but said both countries said they would cooperate and provide assistance to each other as needed.

Pinkston said Kim Jong Il may be afraid that he hasn't made adequate preparations for his successor.

"The health problems he had last year were kind of a wake-up call," he said of Kim Jong Il's reported stroke last summer.

Kim has been active in the government this year and appears to be in complete control, Pinkston said.

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"In the back of your mind, you don't think it'll actually be needed. But now it's becoming more important to know how to evacuate."

— Johnnie Davis, an Army spouse living in Seoul, on this month's evacuation exercises. North Korea's has since test-fired missiles

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First Hispanic named to Supreme Court

By BEN FELLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama named federal appeals judge Sonia Sotomayor as the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice on Tuesday, praising her as "an inspiring woman" with both the intellect and compassion to interpret the Constitution wisely.

Obama said Sotomayor has more experience as a judge than any current member of the high court had when nominated, adding she has earned the "respect of colleagues on the bench," the admiration of lawyers who appear in her court and "the adoration of her clerks."

"My heart today is bursting with gratitude," Sotomayor said from the White House podium moments after being introduced by Obama.

If confirmed by the Senate, she would join Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as the second woman on the current court, the third in history. She would succeed retiring Justice David Souter.

She would be unlikely to alter the ideological balance of the court, since Souter generally sides with the liberals on key 5-4 rulings. But at 54, she is a generation younger than Souter, and liberal outside groups hope she will provide a counterpoint to some of the sharply worded conservative rulings.

Obama and Sotomayor both noted the historic nature of the appointment. The president said a Hispanic on the court would mark another step toward the goal of "equal justice under law."

Obama and Sotomayor stood with Vice President Joe Biden. It was a striking picture of diversity: a black president, a white vice president and a Hispanic nominee to the nation's highest court.

Obama has said he hopes she can take her place before the justices begin their new term in October.

Democrats hold a large majority in the Senate, and barring the unexpected, Sotomayor's confirmation should be assured.

In one of Sotomayor's most notable decisions, as an appellate judge she sided last year with the city of New Haven, Conn., in a discrimination case brought by white firefighters. The city threw out results of a promotion exam because too few minorities scored high enough. Coincidentally, that case is now before the Supreme Court.

That ruling has already drawn criticism from conservatives, and is likely to play a role in her confirmation hearing.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden applaud federal appeals court judge Sonia Sotomayor after the president announced her as his nominee to the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Nominee rises from New York projects to the Supreme Court

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sonia Sotomayor's path to the pinnacle of the legal profession began in the 1960s at a Bronx housing project just a couple blocks from Yankee Stadium, where she and her family dealt with one struggle after another.

She suffered juvenile diabetes that forced her to start insulin injections at age 8. Her father died the next year, leaving her to be raised by her mother — a nurse at a methadone clinic who always kept a pot of rice and beans on the stove. The parents had moved to New York from Puerto Rico.

Sotomayor was a fan of a television show about the law, "Perry Mason," and knew she wanted to be a judge by the age of 10.

"I realized that the judge was the most important player in that room," Sotomayor said in a 1998 interview with The Associated Press.

Now, Sotomayor is one of the most important players in the nation after being nominated for a Supreme Court seat by President Barack Obama.

The New York-born Sotomayor's humble upbringing has shaped her personality — vibrant and colorful. She is a food-loving baseball buff as likely to eat a hot dog at a street

corner stand as she is to sit down for a lengthy meal at a swanky Manhattan restaurant.

Her work and everything else in her life are sure to face close scrutiny in the months ahead in a process Sotomayor is all too familiar with. Her nomination to the appeals court was delayed 15 months, reportedly because of concerns by Republicans that she might someday be considered for the Supreme Court.

"I don't think anybody looked at me as a woman or as a Hispanic and said, 'We're not going to appoint her because of those characteristics.' Clearly that's not what occurred," she recalled in the 1998 interview.

"But I do believe there are gender and ethnic stereotypes that propel people to assumptions about what they expected me to be," she continued. "I obviously felt that any balanced view of my work would not support some of the allegations being made."

Sotomayor graduated summa cum laude from Princeton, then became an editor of the Yale Law Journal at Yale Law School. She then joined the Manhattan district attorney's office and the board of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund.

She spent five years as a prosecutor before joining the Midtown law firm of Pavia & Harcourt, where she worked eight years before her appointment to the federal bench.

Correction

A May 24 story on Department of Defense Dependents Schools teachers should have stated that teacher Lori Lundy transferred to Seoul American Elementary School after school closures in Darmstadt, Germany.

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DODEA to restructure chain of command

DOD school system to hire area superintendents for Pacific, Europe

By JEFF SCHOGOL
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The teachers union for Defense Department schools is at odds with administration over plans to change the Department of Defense Education Activity's chain of command.

DODEA is looking to hire area superintendents for both the Pacific and Europe who will focus on educational issues, which traditionally have been under the purview of area directors, said DODEA spokeswoman Elaine Kanellis.

Beginning in September, the area superintendents will report directly to DODEA headquarters, while the area directors will focus on administrative matters, such as budget, logistics and military construction, Kanellis said.

One reason for refocusing area directors' attention on issues other than education is they were so busy with other things that, "They really didn't focus in as much as they needed to on the curriculum piece," said DODEA Director Shirley Miles, who has led the reorganization.

"Anyone can go to our Web site and see that DODEA scores, while very good and way above the national average, have been stagnant for the last 10 years," Miles said.

Under the reorganized chain of command, neither the teachers union nor the military commands have a direct relationship with area superintendents, said Michael Priser, president of the Federal Education Association. That will create a "disconnect" between military commands and educational policymakers, Priser wrote in an e-mail to DODEA.

"Preventing direct contact by the military with the educational policy decision makers, we feel, is not in the best interest of education or proper communication with the stakeholders," Priser wrote.

Representatives from military commands had little to say about the effects of the reorganization plan, but Priser said in an interview that DODEA would have to change its contract with the teachers union to allow the union to deal directly with area superintendents. Both the union and military commands have been told to continue to take problems to area directors, not area superintendents.

"What we don't understand is, why are we dealing with the area director and not the area superintendent when that's the

person who deals directly with the schools and the educational policy?" Priser said. "Not only should we be dealing with that person, but we believe the military should, as well."

Kanellis said the area directors have the responsibility for making sure the union's concerns are handled by the appropriate people, such as area superintendents.

"As there has always been and will be, there is a direct line of communication between FEA area directors and DODEA area directors," she said in an e-mail. "This arrangement was negotiated between DODEA and the FEA and DODEA will adhere to the lines of communication negotiated in the agreement."



Miles

Miles dismissed Priser's concerns.

When handed a copy of Priser's letter, she declined to read it, saying, "I don't know and I don't care."

Miles said she is focused on the way forward.

"The old we/their role of the union vs. administration is past — it's past and passe," she said.

The union's concern that the reorganization would exclude the military commands from decisions on curriculum is unfounded, Miles said.

"The commands don't have input over curriculum," she said. "They expect us to do our job, and our job is to focus in on student achievement."

Diana J. Ohman is area director for Europe, but she will become the area director for the Pacific in time for the next school year.

Ohman said she also expects to continue to be "a player at the table on educational issues," because she will still provide input in superintendent meetings and other venues, such as the component command advisory councils.

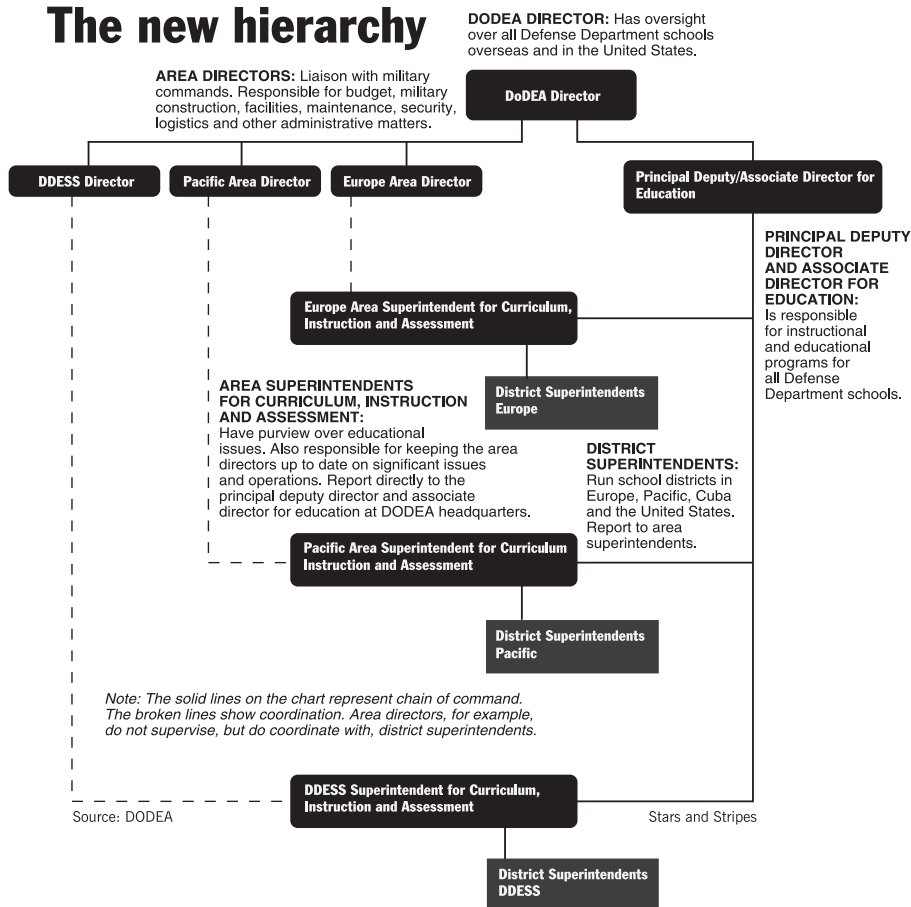
"I'm not gonna let go of education," Ohman said. "I believe that it is still my duty to understand educational issues and be able to deliver information about that to those councils."

Ohman said the reorganization deserves a fair chance and time to see if it works.

"Now the proof is always in the pudding; now if we do this a couple of years and we don't see the things we want to see come to fruition with scores ... then I think we need to re-look at it," she said.

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The new hierarchy



Memo: Teachers to be cut, but not 350

By JEFF SCHOGOL
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ARLINGTON, Va. — The plan to restructure the Department of Defense Education Activity is the latest tussle between the teachers union and administration.

Earlier this month, the Federal Education Association gave Stars and Stripes internal DODEA documents that it claimed show that DODEA plans to cut 350 middle school teachers.

DODEA Director Shirley Miles has said DODEA is looking at increasing class sizes in middle school, but while some teachers may lose their jobs, there are no plans to cut that many teachers.

DODEA is trying to make class sizes consistent, Miles said.

That may include making class sizes in middle school bigger to free up positions for kindergarten, where there are more pupils per teacher, she said.

"No one — even if they would lose their job — no one would just have someone just come to work and say, 'By the way, in a month you're not going to have a job.' I mean, who does that?"

"That's unconscionable. And we, you know, we are an educational organization. We are not a GM. We're not talking about widgets. We don't close the door and lock the gates and say, 'Oh,

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by the way, you don't have a job.' I mean, that's ridiculous," Miles said.

Miles sent a May 13 memo to teachers to clarify DODEA's proposals on class sizes, but FEA

President Michael Priser said teachers still have questions.

While it is clear Miles plans to cut teachers, her May 13 memo does not say how many positions might be eliminated, and her calculations for the ratio of pupils to teachers are unclear, Priser said.

"I would like to propose that you and I hold a series of town hall-style meetings, held at various locations throughout DODEA, where we can meet with concerned parents, students, staff and military leaders," Priser wrote in an e-mail to Miles. "This could be an opportunity for a frank and open conversation about the proposed changes with an opportunity for those directly affected by them, to have their questions answered."

Priser said he expects to discuss the matter with Miles at a June 10 meeting.

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Misawa airman guilty of vandalism spree

By T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — A “night of destruction” at the base golf course — and allegedly conspiring with other airmen to commit an off-base vandalism spree — cost a Misawa security forces member his career Tuesday.

Senior Airman Koby A. Torzillo, with the 35th Security Forces Squadron, was sentenced to one year in jail, forfeiture of \$933 per month during confinement, reduction to E-1 and a bad-conduct discharge at his court-martial on base. Torzillo pleaded guilty to damaging or destroying government property, making a false official

Airman alleges others involved in destruction

statement, concealing stolen property and conspiracy to destroy or damage nongovernment property.

He was given a pre-trial agreement that guaranteed a “special” court-martial, with a cap on the maximum sentence. He also agreed to cooperate with the ongoing investigation into fellow squadron members, identified in court documents and by base officials as Airman 1st Class Jessie M. Holt and Airman 1st Class Michael T. Kerr.

Torzillo agreed to testify against them if their cases go to trial. As of Tuesday, nei-

ther had been charged.

He admitted helping cause \$30,000 in damage during a free-for-all at the base golf course on Jan. 31 with Kerr. Before the night was over, Torzillo said, they had used golf carts, a snowmobile, a tractor and a backhoe to cause the damage.

Torzillo said he conspired with Kerr and Holt to go on an off-base vandalism spree on Feb. 4. He said they armed themselves with police batons and a hammer, wore gloves and covered the bottoms of their shoes to hide prints.

Torzillo said they damaged several vending machines and broke the windows out of several cars before deciding to break into a high school, stealing computers, bullhorns and a suit.

Base officials said the off-base crimes Torzillo detailed fall under the jurisdiction of Japanese officials. A Misawa police spokesman confirmed Tuesday that an initial investigation had been conducted, but prosecutors in Aomori city could not be reached late Tuesday to confirm whether they intend to pursue a case against the Americans.

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Petty Officer 1st Class Rommel Pitts tries to keep pace during a tire flip relay at Naval Air Facility Atsugi on Tuesday during an Iron Sailor Games event.

Iron sailors never rust

Atsugi naval teams face off in strength competitions

Stars and Stripes

A team from Naval Air Facility Atsugi's Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department competed in two strength and endurance contests Tuesday against a team representing the base's Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training.

The event was part of the Iron Sailor Games, a series of 12 strength and endurance contests to be played out over three weeks.

After a tire-flip relay, in which team members advanced a huge tire for 50 meters, the teams competed in an event where each member carried an 80-pound weight in each hand for 50 meters. Future Iron Sailor events include the Sea Bag Drag, the Fireman Carry and the Car Push.

Teams participating in Iron Sailor can earn points for their commands as part of the overall Captain's Cup competition, in which Atsugi commands compete in year-round sporting events for the right to claim the title and trophy at season's end.



PHOTOS BY TIM WIGHTMAN/Stars and Stripes

Petty Officer 1st Class Kenneth Watson advances a large tire during the Iron Sailor relay race at Naval Air Facility Atsugi on Tuesday.

AF officer tests negative for swine flu

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Base officials here confirmed Tuesday that an Air Force officer who showed flu-like symptoms after arriving in Japan recently was put under observation at U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka.

The patient was released after testing negative for swine flu, Yokosuka spokeswoman Michelle Stewart said.

Stewart said there are no cases of swine flu on the base.

8 months sought for Marine in drug case

NAHA, Okinawa — A Naha District prosecutor Tuesday asked for an eight-month prison sentence for a 24-year-old Marine who pleaded guilty to having his friend mail him marijuana from Hawaii to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Richard G. Owens III, now assigned to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on Camp Foster, is charged with violation of the Cannabis Control Act and the Customs Act. He was arrested March 3 by U.S. military authorities at the post office on MCAS Futenma after he picked up the package con-

taining 0.17 ounce of marijuana concealed in a peanut butter jar, according to court documents.

Following the arrest, Owens was confined in the brig on Camp Hansen for 21 days, but is currently not being held.

He testified that he made an arrangement in February through an e-mail exchange with his friend stationed in Hawaii. He said the friend offered him the substance as a birthday present and he accepted it because he wanted to relieve the grief of losing his uncle and aunt, who were murdered last year while he was deployed to Iraq.

Sentencing at Naha District Court is scheduled for June 8.

USS Patriot, Guardian pull into Hong Kong

The USS Patriot and USS Guardian pulled into Hong Kong's Victoria Harbor for a routine port call Monday, Navy officials said.

The two Avenger-class mine countermeasure ships, both forward-deployed in Sasebo, Japan, were planning to take on parts, supplies and mail, as well as participate in community service projects, according to a news release.

From staff reports

A prayer for those who are gone



ANDREW MEYERS/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

At Iwo To, Japan, Navy Lt. Steven R. Benefield, a USS Blue Ridge chaplain, reads a prayer during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Iwo Jima Memorial on Monday as Marines attached to the Fleet Anti-terrorism Security Team Company Pacific bow their heads.

6 Americans die in Iraq, Afghan attacks

Bomb kills contractor, State Department official, soldier

By CHELSEA J. CARTER
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb struck a U.S. convoy in western Iraq, killing three Americans, including a senior State Department official, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The blast killed Terence Barnich, the deputy director of the State Department's Iraq Transition Assistance Office in Baghdad, as well as a U.S. soldier and a civilian contractor as their convoy left a construction site near Fallujah on Monday, military and government officials said. Two others were wounded.

Insurgents have continued to sporadically target American and Iraqi security forces in Fallujah, where four employees of the Blackwater security firm were ambushed in 2004 by insurgents and their remains strung from a bridge.

The U.S. military withdrew last year from most of the cities in the vast Anbar province, including Fallujah, well before a June 30 deadline for U.S. troops to leave Iraq's urban areas.

Barnich, 56, of Chicago, and the others were returning from an inspection of a U.S. government-funded wastewater treatment plant under construction in Fallujah when their vehicle drove over a roadside bomb, said State Department spokesman Robert Wood.

Like many cities in Iraq, Fallujah has a number of U.S.-supported reconstruction projects, many of them aimed at improving essential services and promoting businesses.

American military and government officials see the projects as essential to helping maintain secu-



EMAD MATTI/AP

A colleague helps Iraqi soldier Anwar Sabih after he was wounded in a roadside blast that hit their patrol in Kirkuk, 180 miles north of Baghdad, on Tuesday.

urity gains. Some of the projects are overseen by provisional reconstruction teams and a joint U.S. civil-military office. Others are directed by the State Department's U.S. Agency for International Development.

Barnich and the others were working with local Iraqi authorities on the wastewater project, which is the largest of its kind ever undertaken in Iraq, Wood said.

"The goal is to bring help to the people in war-torn Anbar province," Wood said.

The military said the identities of the two others killed Monday were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

3 soldiers killed by suicide bomb

Stars and Stripes

Three U.S. soldiers and three Afghan civilians were killed by a suicide car bomber Tuesday in eastern Afghanistan's Kapisa province, according to wire reports.

Pro-Taliban insurgent leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezbe-Islami organization claimed responsibility for the suicide car bomb attack on a military convoy. Waliullah, a spokesman for Hekmatyar, told wire services that the attack in the northern Sayat district killed the commander of the U.S. military's provincial reconstruction team in Kapisa province.

Waliullah's claims could not be confirmed.

A suicide bomber in a Toyota Corolla smashed into the military convoy outside the provincial capital, Abdul Halim Ayar, a spokesman for Kapisa's governor, told The Associated Press.

Tech. Sgt. Chuck Marsh, a U.S. military spokesman, told AP another U.S. servicemember was wounded in the attack. The soldiers served with NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

Two Afghan civilians also were wounded, the Interior Ministry

said in a statement according to The AP.

Col. Greg Julian, the head U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan, said there were American casualties but did not have further details on the incident or whether a PRT leader was killed.

Kapisa was once a hotbed of the insurgency, but coalition efforts there this year have been aimed at taking back key areas from insurgents, flooding them with infrastructure projects to maintain support. However, this progress was largely made before the traditional summer fighting season kicked off.

Bomb attacks will rise 50 percent this year to 5,700 — up from 3,800 last year, U.S. military officials predict.

According to military figures, 172 coalition forces were killed in such attacks last year — and far more Afghan civilians died.

Taliban forces regularly use suicide attackers and roadside bombs in assaults on foreign and Afghan troops across the country. Such attacks were up 25 percent the first four months of 2009 compared with the same period last year, The AP reported.

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IN THE WORLD

North Korea displays more nuclear might

The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea reportedly tested two more short-range missiles Tuesday, a day after detonating a nuclear bomb underground, pushing the regime further toward a confrontation with world powers despite the threat of U.N. action.

Two missiles — one ground-to-air, the other ground-to-ship — with a range of about 80 miles were test-fired from an east coast launchpad, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported, citing an unidentified government official.

Pyeongyang also warned ships to stay away from waters off its western coast this week, a sign it might be gearing up for more missile tests, South Korea's coast guard said.

North Korea is "trying to test whether they can intimidate the international community" with its nuclear and missile activity, said Susan Rice, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

"But we are united, North Korea is isolated and pressure on North Korea will increase," Rice said.

North Korea appeared to be displaying its might following its underground atomic test, which the U.N. Security Council condemned as a "clear violation" of a 2006 resolution banning the regime from developing its nuclear program.

Even Russia, once a key backer of North Korea, condemned the

test. Moscow's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, the current Security Council president, said the 15-member council would begin work "quickly" on a new resolution.

But many questioned whether new punishment from the U.N. would have any effect on a nation already penalized by numerous sanctions and clearly dismissive of the Security Council's jurisdiction.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he felt "frustrated by the lack of progress in the denuclearization process" and said North Korea's only viable option was to return to the six-party talks on disarmament and continue exchanges and cooperation with South Korea.

In Japan, the lower house of parliament quickly passed an unanimous resolution condemning the test and demanding that North Korea give up its nuclear program, a house spokeswoman said. It also is considering tightening sanctions against North Korea, the statement said.

Seoul reacted to the nuclear test by signing on to the U.S.-led Proliferation Security Initiative, joining 94 nations seeking to intercept ships suspected of carrying nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, materials to make them, or missiles to deliver them.



AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

A South Korean protester burns a photo of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il during a rally against North Korea's nuclear test near the U.S. Embassy in Seoul on Tuesday.

Gates plans meeting with Asian allies

By KEVIN BARON
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — One day after North Korea conducted what it claims was an underground nuclear test, the Pentagon announced that Secretary of Defense Robert Gates will meet this weekend with his counterparts from Japan and South Korea.

Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell told reporters the trilateral talks between the three countries' defense leaders already were scheduled for Saturday as part of an annual gathering of Asian defense ministers in Singapore, known as the Shangri-La Dialogue.

"Undoubtedly, the developments in North Korea over the weekend will be a focus of that conversation," he said.

Gates first will give a speech on Saturday on security issues in the region. Later, he will meet privately with the defense ministers of South Korea, Lee Sang-hee, and Japan, Yasukazu Hamada.

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Some Americans in Seoul express worry; many are unfazed by news

By ASHLEY ROWLAND
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — When Johnnie Davis heard Monday that North Korea had tested a nuclear missile, her first thought was, "Here we go again."

Just a week and a half ago, her family, like all other U.S. military families across South Korea, had practiced procedures for emergency evacuation during the semi-annual Courageous Channel exercise.

"In the back of your mind, you don't think it'll actually be needed. But now it's becoming more important to know how to evacuate," said Davis, who lives in Seoul

with her two children, ages 8 and 11. Her husband is an Army officer at Camp Red Cloud, near the border with North Korea.

"I wish I was back home, but I'm stuck," she said.

At U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan, many troops, off duty because of a four-day Memorial Day weekend, hadn't heard about the test until a reporter told them Tuesday afternoon. Among them was Cpl. Lorenzo Hasiugulpi, whose wife and two children live with him in Seoul. The couple is expecting another child, and he said he now wonders if he should have brought his family here.

"I'm worried now," said Hasiugulpi.

If the situation escalated, he said he would consider sending his family back to the U.S. because he would be worried about their safety, and distracted from his job.

Many troops, however, weren't worried.

Col. Darryl Murch, head of the 175th Financial Management Center, said he was concerned because North Korea had broken its promise not to conduct more tests, and in doing so had made it more difficult for other countries to engage the communist nation. But he wasn't worried about his safety.

"The threat has always been there," he said.

Meanwhile, many South Koreans seemed less concerned with the nuclear test and more with the circumstances surrounding the suicide of former President Roh Moo-hyun.

"I understand that the global community or foreigners living abroad ... see North Korea as a big threat. But we, the South Koreans, living at the core of this issue don't feel that way," said Kwon Young-jun, 33.

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North Korea: Experts say Kim wants to be treated as an equal

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But for the first time, official North Korean media reports have mentioned that Kim gets weak or tired, and one photo showed a woman supporting him by holding his arm.

"This is showing the human side of him," Pinkston said. "It's unprecedented. All the reports show him being this superhuman being."

Nobody knows for sure who will succeed Kim, although most experts believe it will be one of his sons or his brother-in-law.

David Garretson, a politics and economics professor for the University of Maryland University College Asia in South Korea, said the test was a display of political stature and a way to gain leverage by showing that its nuclear tech-

nology has improved.

"It made the point that North Korea basically says, 'You have to treat me as an equal, you have to treat us as a nuclear power,'" Garretson said in a phone interview Tuesday from South Korea.

Garretson predicted the regime change would result in an internal power struggle between an ambitious military and Kim, which could lead to a coup d'etat.

"The regime change is more of 'who will take his place,'" Garretson said. "In terms of domestic North Korean politics, there's an inner power struggle of who will succeed it. There are some ambitious individuals in the military. It's very much speculation, but it's the scenario I would put out."

Monday's atomic test and the rocket launch last month make

Japan anxious, and may pressure it to develop nuclear weapons of its own, Garretson said. Most experts believe Japan could do that within six to nine months, he said.

But Japan is limited by a heavy reliance on the U.S. military, said Masao Okonogi, a political science professor at Keio University

in Tokyo.

"That's a constraint. We have to depend upon the U.S. military more and more," Okonogi said Tuesday in a phone interview.

Okonogi said North Korea wants to be a "troublemaker" and that Monday's test was a political demonstration directed toward

the U.S.

"They want to strengthen their negotiating capabilities with the U.S.," Okonogi said.

Stars and Stripes reporters Natasha Lee and Hwang Hae-rym contributed to this story.

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Naples police say drug lord has been captured

ROME — Naples police say they have captured a Camorra mobster who was a top drug lord in cocaine trafficking with South America.

Carabinieri paramilitary Gen. Gaetano Maruccia said Antonio Bastone was considered one of Italy's 100 most dangerous fugitives. Bastone was arrested early Tuesday in an apartment on Naples' outskirts.

Maruccia told Sky TG24 TV that Bastone, 30, had been sought since January. Investigators contend that Bastone helped direct a cocaine ring involving South American countries, Spain and the Naples-based Camorra organization.

French president opens first Gulf military base

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — French President Nicolas Sarkozy has formally opened his nation's first military base in the Gulf.

The ceremony Tuesday was part of a two-day trip that includes a visit to the future site of a branch of the Louvre Museum. Sarkozy is also seeking to push ahead a deal for the U.A.E. to purchase twin-engined Rafal fighter jets.

The base is France's first major foreign military installation since the 1960s and its first outside Africa. It is expected to contribute to anti-piracy patrols off Somalia and guard vital Persian Gulf shipping lanes.

Russia, U.S. to sign new uranium contract

MOSCOW — Russia was to sign a groundbreaking commercial contract Tuesday to supply U.S. utility companies with enriched uranium fuel, a Russian atomic industry official said.

Under the contract, state-run Tekhsnabeksport would supply U.S. markets with nuclear fuel enriched from raw uranium for the first time, Tekhsnabeksport marketing executive Vadim Mikerin told The Associated Press.

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Swine flu quarantines suggested

Australian officials urge passengers to stay home after outbreak on cruise ship

The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — About 2,000 passengers from a cruise ship that docked in Sydney have been advised to quarantine themselves for a week in their homes or hotels after at least nine cases of swine flu were confirmed on board, officials said Tuesday.

The passengers disembarked on Monday after nine days cruising Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

By Tuesday, eight passengers and a crew-member had tested positive for swine flu with more diagnoses expected, the New South Wales state government said in a statement.

A couple who married during the cruise,

Kiralea and Nikki Campbell, and three relatives were among those who tested positive for the disease.

“We shouldn't have been allowed off the boat,” said Kiralea Campbell, who spent six hours suffering from flu symptoms at a Sydney airport before flying 600 miles to their hometown of Gold Coast.

Health authorities were contacting and monitoring passengers who were unaware of the onboard illnesses and urging them to stay indoors for seven days, Health Minister Nicola Roxon said.

The ship set sail Monday on another cruise with 2,000 passengers to the Great Barrier

Reef using some of the same crew.

Ann Sherry, chief executive of the ship's operator Carnival Australia, said the crew were taking the antiviral Tamiflu as a precaution.

“All the crew have been given Tamiflu so ... that's a very comprehensive set of requirements and actions that we've taken,” Sherry told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Chant rejected criticism from some passengers that the crew should not have been allowed to leave.

“I think that the public health measures we put in place were appropriate to the circumstances that we were confronted with,” she said.

Israelis make arrest in death of American teenager

By STEVE WEIZMAN

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli detectives have arrested a man who confessed to the 2003 murder of a U.S.-born teenager and three other killings, including that of a Czech tourist, police announced Tuesday.

Police identified the suspect as a 32-year-old man from an Arab village in northern Israel, the region where the killings occurred. The man, Adwan Farhan, was already in custody on suspicion of raping an Australian tourist when a tip led homicide detectives to him last month.

“So far according to our inquiries, the suspect is believed to have committed four counts of murder ... one attempted murder, rapes, two attempted kidnaps and other crimes of violence,” said Avi Algarassi, the police investigator who led the six-year manhunt.

The 2003 disappearance of 18-

year-old Dana Bennett captured the nation's attention at the time, since abductions are rare in Israel and it happened during a period of intense fighting with the Palestinians. Algarassi said Farhan's acts had no apparent motive.

Bennett's remains were discovered in a field last month but were only identified last week. A court gag order barred reports of the arrest until Tuesday in order not to hamper the police inquiry. Police said Farhan confessed to the killings just days ago.

Bennett was born in Chicago to Israeli immigrant parents and grew up in Los Angeles. After her parents divorced when she was 14, she returned to Israel with her mother.

She had just started work in a restaurant in the northern town of Tiberias when she vanished.

Algarassi said Farhan committed his first murder at 18.

In July 2003, Algarassi said, Farhan and a 16-year-old girlfriend picked up Czech hitchhiker Sylvia Molrova, 27, killed

her and dumped her body in a remote spot.

The same month, the couple lured Bennett into their vehicle and Farhan beat her to death and again concealed the body in the northern hills. She was not raped, Algarassi added.

In 2004 or 2005, he allegedly attempted to murder his sister.

Police said Farhan, who had been arrested for sexual offenses, arms possession and armed robbery, also killed a cellmate.

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IN THE STATES

Parents in cancer case agree to chemo

By PATRICK CONDON
The Associated Press

NEW ULM, Minn. — The parents of a Minnesota boy who refused chemotherapy for his cancer have told a judge they now agree to the medical treatment, and the judge says the boy can stay with them.

Daniel Hauser, 13, has Hodgkin's lymphoma. He and his mother missed a court appearance last week and left the state to avoid chemo and try to get alternative treatments. Colleen and Anthony Hauser now say they understand their son needs chemotherapy.

Daniel returned to Minnesota on Monday after almost a week on the run. A doctor's exam showed a tumor in his chest has grown and is pushing against his trachea, causing pain.

Brown County Family Services objected to the ruling, saying they wanted Daniel to stay in the county's custody.

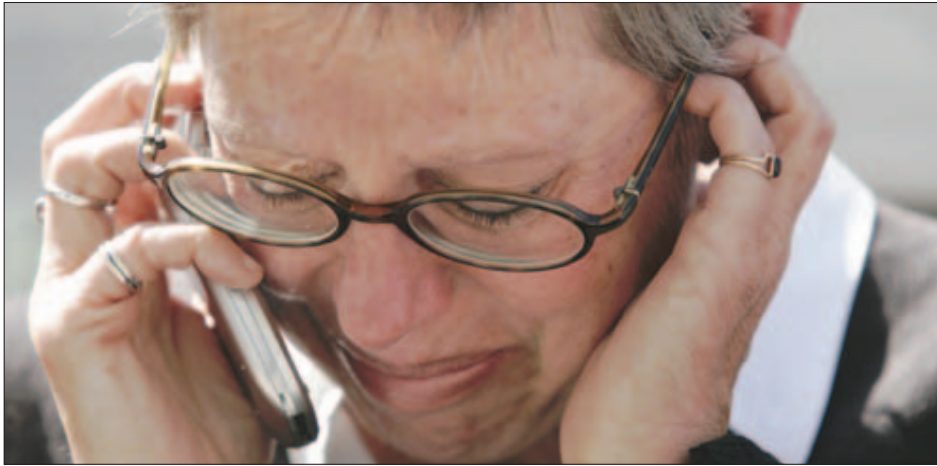
Daniel spent Monday in the protective custody of Brown County, but was allowed to spend the night at the family farm in Sleepy Eye, with a deputy on duty.

As late as Monday, the Hausers and Daniel were insisting he did not want to undergo chemotherapy and were seeking permission to treat him by alternative, court-approved methods.

County Attorney James Olson said that because Colleen Hauser returned to Minnesota voluntarily, he would likely dismiss a felony complaint against her. FBI spokesman E.K. Wilson said a federal charge of unauthorized flight would also likely be dropped.

"A lot depends upon the attitude of the parents, their willingness to get on board with a treatment plan," Olson said Monday.

There was no immediate response to a message left at the Hausers' home Tuesday seeking comment.



PAUL SAKUMA/AP

Liz Hoadley, a married gay woman, cries as she talks to her partner after the California Supreme Court upheld a voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage in San Francisco on Tuesday. The court also decided that the estimated 18,000 gay couples who wed before the law took effect will stay married.

California Supreme Court upholds gay marriage ban

By LISA LEFF
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The state Supreme Court upheld a voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage Tuesday, but also decided that the estimated 18,000 gay couples who wed before the law took effect will stay married.

The 6-1 decision written by Chief Justice Ron George rejected an argument from gay rights activists that the ban revised the California constitution's equal protection clause to such a dramatic degree that it first needed the Legislature's approval.

The court said the people have a right, through the ballot box, to change their constitution.

"In a sense, petitioners' and the attorney general's complaint is that it is just too easy to amend the California constitution through the initiative process. But it is not a proper function of this court to curtail that process; we are constitutionally bound to uphold it," the ruling said.



PAUL SAKUMA/AP

Pro-same-sex marriage demonstrators wait in front of San Francisco City Hall on Tuesday.

The announcement of the decision caused outcry among a sea of demonstrators who had gathered in front of the San Francisco courthouse awaiting the ruling. Holding signs and many waving rainbow flags, they chanted "shame on you." Many people also held hands in a chain around an

intersection in an act of protest.

Gay rights activists immediately vowed to resume their fight, and said they would go back to voters as early as next year to repeal the measure, Proposition 8.

The split decision provided some relief for the 18,000 gay couples who married in the brief time same-sex marriage was legal last year, but that bit of good news wasn't enough to dull the anger from the ruling that banned gay marriage.

"It's not about whether we get to stay married. Our fight is far from over," said Jeannie Rizzo, 62, who was one of the lead plaintiffs along with her wife, Polly Cooper. I have about 20 years left on this earth, and I'm going to continue to fight for equality every day."

The state Supreme Court had ruled last May it was unconstitutional to deny gay couples the right to wed. Many same-sex couples had rushed to get married before the November vote on Proposition 8, fearing it could be passed.

U.S., Canada sign law enforcement pact

DETROIT — U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Canada's minister of public safety have signed an agreement to allow the two nations to help enforce each others' laws across the border.

Napolitano and Peter Van Loan signed the agreement Tuesday at the Ambassador Bridge, which connects Detroit and Windsor, Ontario.

The pact will allow officers from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and U.S. Coast Guard to ride each others' vessels on joint patrols and specific enforcement operations. Vessels now must stop at the border and call the other country's agencies for help.

Such efforts have been tested in the past, such as during Super Bowl XL in Detroit in 2006.

Hedge fund to return Madoff withdrawals

NEW YORK — The pool of money available to compensate victims of Bernard Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme is getting bigger.

A Swiss hedge fund affiliated with Spain's largest bank has agreed to return \$235 million that it withdrew from its accounts with Madoff before the scheme collapsed.

Geneva-based Optimal Investment Services will make the payment. It is controlled by Banco Santander, one of the biggest victims in Madoff's fraud.

Traffic, business flow at NYC blast site

NEW YORK — Traffic and business are back to normal on Manhattan's Upper East Side after a small bomb blast.

No one was injured in the explosion early Monday.

It destroyed a sidewalk bench and shattered windows at a Starbucks near the Guggenheim museum. The coffee shop was open Tuesday morning, although the windows hadn't yet been fixed.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly says investigators are looking into similarities between that explosion and three others in the past four years.

Kidnapping trial of 'Rockefeller' to start

BOSTON — The judge hearing the kidnapping case of a man who calls himself Clark Rockefeller ruled Tuesday, just before jury selection, that prosecutors could call the defendant by his real name while defense attorneys can use his alias.

Eleven of the 16 jurors needed were chosen Tuesday.

Rockefeller, whose real name is Christian Karl Gerhartsreiter, is accused of snatching his 7-year-old daughter, Leigh, during a supervised visit in Boston in July after losing custody to his ex-wife. He and the girl were found six days later in Baltimore.

Authorities said he planned the kidnapping for months in advance and planned to live quietly with his daughter in a Baltimore condominium he had bought two weeks earlier.

From The Associated Press

Pentagon: 5 percent of detainees return to terror

By LARA JAKES
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon says about 5 percent of terror suspects released from the U.S. navy prison at Guantanamo Bay so far have returned to the fight against the U.S. and its allies.

Data released Tuesday suggest that an additional 9 percent of freed Guantanamo detainees are suspected to have rejoined what the Pentagon defines as terrorist activity.

In all, 74 of approximately 540 detainees that have been released have either returned or are believed to have returned to the fight.

The Pentagon says it has fingerprints, DNA, photos or reliable intelligence to link 27 detainees to the war since their release. Some constitutional lawyers have disputed the data because it is not specific about the evidence used to track the detainees.



RICHARD SENNOTT, (MINNEAPOLIS)
STAR TRIBUNE/AP

Daniel Hauser and his mother, Colleen, drive a four-wheeler on a neighboring farm Tuesday after their return to Sleepy Eye, Minn.



BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP

Guards escort a detainee carrying a book at the Camp 4 detention facility at the U.S. naval open air common area at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on Nov. 18.

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Machine may bring down language barrier

BY JOEL GARREAU
The Washington Post

A young American soldier recalled the time in Iraq he came across a badly burned little girl. He was on patrol. Trouble ahead. A house had been set on fire. In front of it was the girl, just standing there, all alone.

There he stood, helplessly, in full battle rattle, with his ballistic glasses and helmet, his weapon bristling, his body armor making him waddle like a bipedal rhino.

He spoke no Arabic. He couldn't comfort her, he couldn't tell her he wanted to get her medical help.

"I sure wish I'd had one of those," he told Jennifer Gollob.

Gollob points to a machine that easily fits in a bag the size of a purse. It's a universal translator. It is being tested in Iraq by DARPA — the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency — the research and development works in Arlington, Va., where Gollob is a contractor.

The machine interprets the spoken word. You talk in English. It repeats whatever you said in spoken Iraqi Arabic. It then awaits a response from the Iraqi, and talks back to you in English.

It's pretty good, said Mari Maeda, the program's manager. About 70 percent or 80 percent accurate. Not as good as a human. But the number of human interpreters willing to work around gunfire is finite.

DARPA is aiming to get an affordable iPod-size interpreter on the chest of every American warrior, foreshadowing the day



DREW BROWN/Stars and Stripes

An Afghan translator helps Sgt. Louis Arroyo, a soldier with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, congratulate an Afghan soldier on his shooting during training in Afghanistan in March. New universal translation technology could make communicating in war zones easier.

such devices will be as common as music players.

Independently, Google is deploying its strikingly successful Translate project. It instantly translates text among 41 languages from Bulgarian to Hindi with surprising felicity. The big question is how soon Google will release a voice version, making the world's cell phones multilingual.

'Electronic brain'

On Jan. 7, 1954, IBM announced, with great fanfare: "Russian was translated into English by an electronic 'brain' today for the first time." Routine machine translation, we were told, was only five years away.

Half a century later, computers have mastered challenges that impress even geneticists, chess grandmasters and research librarians. But machines still have the devil's own time with routines

nounce things before their time."

Norvig is the director of research at Google. He refers to professional human translators as "a small guild" carving up a market of a few billion dollars. With Google Translate, he's talking about making billions of routine pages more available than ever for billions of ordinary people.

Assembling language

The world's common language is not English, it's broken English, said Alex Waibel, of Carnegie Mellon, a DARPA principal investigator, born in Germany, who spends his life in global conferences where English is everybody's second or fourth language. Eighty percent machine accuracy is better than some very large portion of these alleged English speakers, he said.

"Human translators aren't actually that great," Waibel said. In one study, people listened to a machine interpreter and then were asked questions to measure their grasp of content. The score was 64 on a 100-point scale. But when they did the same test with a human simultaneous interpreter, the result was not a lot better — a 74.

"When humans try to figure out how to translate one thing, they drop their attention as to what's coming in the next graph," Waibel said. "And they're human. They get tired. They get bored."

A good machine can really lubricate human connection, Waibel said. When global researchers hit the town after a conference in Japan, they plopped one of his translators down on the table. A grand old sake-fueled time was had, as they communicated in ways beyond the unaided capabilities of any of them.

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Aiken: Lambert criticism nothing personal

Clay Aiken says blood didn't truly pour forth from his ears when he heard "American Idol" runner-up Adam Lambert sing "Ring of Fire" — and he's sorry for his "colorful choice of words."

The former "Idol" contestant writes in a blog on his Web site dated Friday that "I obviously meant it as a colorful statement to imply that I did not enjoy what I heard." He also says he didn't mean it as "a 'slam' on Adam as a person."

He had blasted Lambert's take on the classic Johnny Cash tune as "contrived," "awful" and "slightly frightening," Aiken says he hopes Lambert can forgive him — but adds Lambert probably doesn't care about what he said.

Aiken lost out to Ruben Studdard in 2003. He's



Aiken

since released several albums, appeared on Broadway and publicly confirmed he's gay.

Former drummer sues Billy Joel

A former drummer for Billy Joel claims the Grammy Award-winning singer of hits including "Uptown Girl" and "Movin' Out" has stiffed him out of royalties for years.

Liberty DeVitto has filed a lawsuit in Manhattan's state Supreme Court demanding Joel pay him overdue royalties. The 58-year-old says he was Joel's drummer from 1975 to 2005 and helped the piano man craft some of his biggest albums.

DeVitto's lawyer says he doesn't know how much his client is owed. He says Joel's sales are subject to an audit. Joel has sold more than 100 million records worldwide.

— The Associated Press

T.I. SAYS
GOODBYE

Grammy-winning rapper T.I. told fans he would stay optimistic when he heads to prison on a federal weapons conviction. The 28-year-old rapper, whose real name is Clifford J. Harris Jr., performed for a crowd of about 16,000 Sunday night in Atlanta's Philips Arena less than two days before he is to begin serving the sentence of a year and a day. "I'm going to stand up tall, head up high," he said. "Thank you for all of your support."

— The Associated Press

COLD COMFORT

Coldplay singer Martin says the band's the thing

Despite being the adored, much analyzed and fantasized about lead singer of one of the planet's biggest rock bands, Chris Martin of Coldplay is practical, even humble about his role.

"It just comes from pure gratitude at being given this job, particularly in a period of time when music is hard to be employed by," Martin says of the free CDs that Coldplay is giving to concert-goers on their U.S. tour, which kicked off earlier this month in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"We wanted to give something to the people who have paid money to come see us or buy the album," he adds, referring to "Viva La Vida," the best-selling album in the world in 2008. "It's like a reward system in a grocery store."

Material sustenance is not what most fans think of when it comes to Coldplay's music or its live shows, which are known for the passionate connection that Martin makes with audiences. The free CD, "LeftRightLeftRightLeft," with nine live songs culled from the band's last tour, is partly an attempt to capture that link.

"It is like a snapshot of where we're at at the moment as a band," Martin says. "Hopefully nine little morsels of where we are at the moment. It's supposed to give an overview of how we sound now and mostly how our audience is with that."

The combination of Martin's charisma and emotionally introspective, obliquely poetic lyrics, and Coldplay's darkly anthemic, lushly melodic music has proved to be potent. The group has grown steadily in stature and sales since debuting in 2000 with "Parachutes," quickly shooting from indie darlings to the top of the U.S. and global charts. Their third album, 2005's "X&Y," sold 8 million copies in the first year, while "Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends" sold 6.7 million physical and downloaded copies — stellar figures in an age of free downloads and splintering audiences.

The press, however, has been divided on Coldplay and on Martin himself. The band's music has been criticized as indulgent and repetitive, while Martin, who is married to actor Gwyneth Paltrow (the couple have two children, Apple, 5, and Moses, 3) is sometimes faulted for being arrogant, a vegetarian, righteously well-behaved, and generally avoiding the classically entertaining rock star behavior of excessive drugs and drinking. (Although he has been known to wrestle with paparazzi and appear in comedies like the movie "Shaun of the Dead.")

Martin is, in fact, unabashedly middle class. The oldest son of five children of an accountant father and a music-teacher mother, he met his Coldplay bandmates in 1996, while all were earning

degrees at London University (they refused to tour or release their first record until they'd taken final exams, and vowed to kick out anyone who used hard drugs). He has campaigned on issues of fair trade and global poverty, and spoken out against the Iraq war. While social themes don't inspire Coldplay's songs, Martin says he feels a responsibility to try to affect the world in a positive way.

"It appeases the guilt I sometimes feel for being given such an incredible job," he says.

"I think when you are contributing to or talking about something that you know is important on an activist level, it somehow feels better than if you're just sitting back taking coke. ... I don't really like to stop and feel comfortable. So I guess social activism is part of that."

But he is realistic about how much effect he can have on the world, beyond making people feel better for the length of a song or a show.

"If I'm a bit down and worried about something, then if I listen to 'I'm On Fire' by Bruce Springsteen, I feel better," Martin says. "We can only influence our little world in our little bubble."

Coldplay songs are generally attributed to the whole band: Martin, guitarist Jonny Buckland, drummer Will Champion and bassist Guy Berryman, plus close friend and

former manager Phil Harvey, who's listed as a fifth member on "Viva La Vida."

Though Martin writes most of the lyrics and, as singer, tends to be the center of attention, he emphasizes that the music comes from all of them.

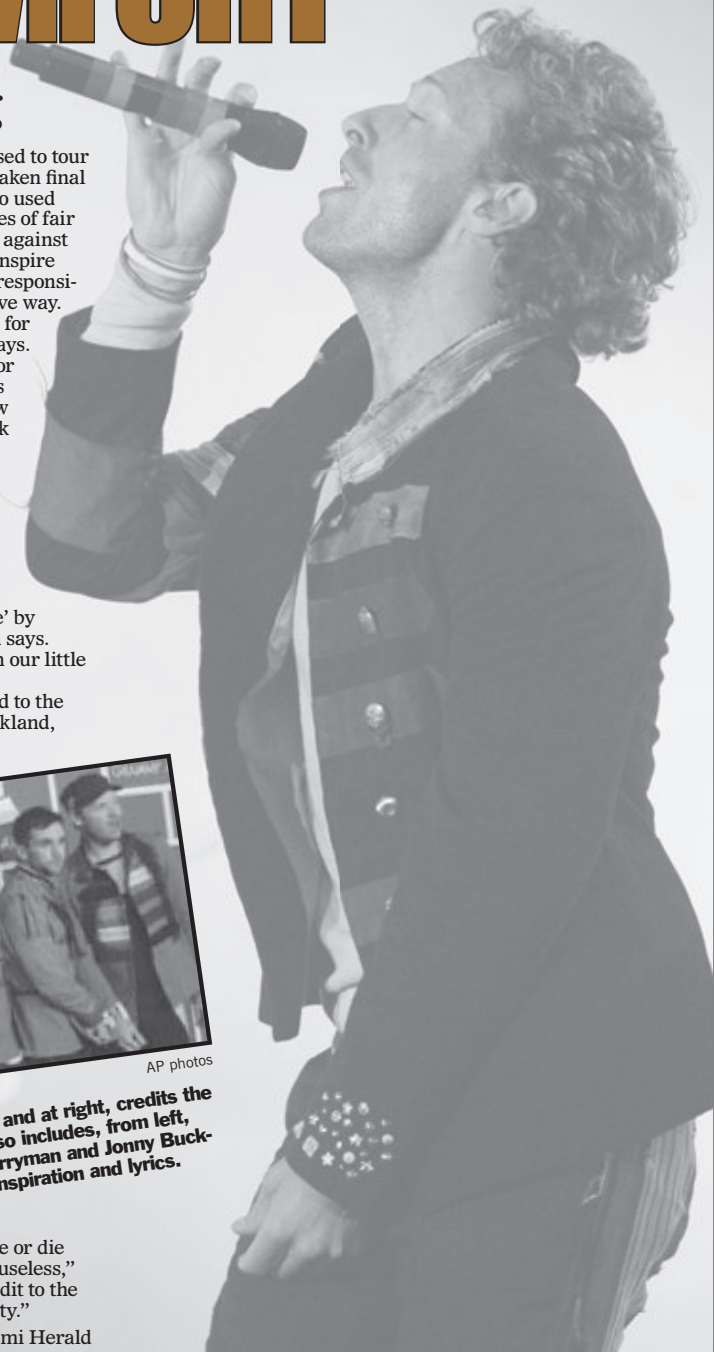
"If any one of the five of us was to leave or die or be kidnapped, the rest of us would be useless," he says. "We're always trying to give credit to the chemistry more than the individual ability."

— Jordan Levin/The Miami Herald



AP photos

Chris Martin, above left and at right, credits the entire band — which also includes, from left, Will Champion, Guy Berryman and Jonny Buckland — for Coldplay's inspiration and lyrics.



YOUR MONEY

School of hard knocks

Poll finds graduates are having a hard time staying afloat

By CALVIN WOODWARD
AND ANN SANNER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — School's out, surf's up, summer beckons. Time for college students to see if they can stay afloat in the worst economy their generation has known.

Young people are carrying a load heavier than they normally bear as they scatter from campuses, judging from an AP-mtvU poll that finds students anxious about their finances, job prospects after graduation and the pressures facing their folks back home.

Josh Donahue, 23, an Oregon State University economics graduate, is living on food stamps. First in his family with a university degree, he stays with relatives and scrapes even for a menial job instead of the bank gig he'd dreamed about.

"A degree in economics," he said, "doesn't really prepare you to understand the economy very well."

To be sure, tight budgets are a rite of passage at college. Ramen noodles build character.

But in a nation that has lost more than 5.7 million jobs since the recession began in December



Students walk on the campus of San Jose State University in San Jose, Calif., in November. Young people are carrying a heavier load than normal as they scatter from campuses, judging from an AP-mtvU poll that finds students anxious about their finances and job prospects after graduation.

2007, parents and students alike are swept up in the tempest. In the poll of students, nearly one in five reported that at least one parent lost a job in the last year.

Parents usually worry about

their kids' finances. Now the kids are worrying about their parents'.

Jake Lear, 21, of Warrenton, Va., a digital arts major at George Mason University in Fairfax,

Va., worked three jobs at a time through the semester and is doing one of them full-time this summer — a resident adviser helping to look after freshmen in dorms — because he gets free housing. His parents work for a federal contractor that shrank its work force and eliminated 401(k) matching contributions.

"I'm pretty much independent as far as school goes," Lear said. "Where they would normally help me out with cash here and there they don't so much any more, just because money's so tight."

The poll surveyed students at 40 U.S. colleges, exploring financial pressures, job possibilities, their state of mind and when stress becomes depression. Among the findings on the economy:

■ 22 percent of students said they worry a lot about having enough money to get through a typical week at school, and more — fully one-third — said they worry a lot about the finances of their parents.

■ 11 percent of those whose parents lost a job veered away from grad school because they could not afford it. They were twice as likely to avoid grad school as those whose parents did not lose a job. Job loss in the family also made twice as many students consider dropping out — 27 percent. Overall, nearly one in five considered quitting school.

■ 32 percent said financial worries have a lot of impact on the stress they're under, up from 27 percent last spring.

Nervousness is apparent on campuses, even in the midst of post-exam relief. So, however, is

College poll highlights

The AP-mtvU poll surveyed students at 40 U.S. colleges. Here are some findings:

■ 18 percent of college students reported having at least one of their parents lose a job during the past year.

■ Among students who had a parent lose a job, half said financial worries contribute a lot to their stress, compared with 28 percent of those who didn't have a parent lose a job.

■ 53 percent of students who had a parent lose a job experience stress "frequently," compared with 39 percent of those who didn't have a parent lose a job.

■ 27 percent of those whose parent lost a job considered dropping out of school in the past three months, compared with 14 percent of those who didn't have a parent with job loss.

■ 56 percent of those with parental job loss worry "a lot" about the finances of their parents, compared with 29 percent who didn't have parental job loss.

From The Associated Press

resilience.

Instead of being discouraged by the 29 applications for summer internships that got no response, Larry Robertson is pumped about the one that is landing him an interview.

"I HAVE to get a job," he said. Living at home in Washington, where he devotes Fridays and other times to looking after his grandmother, he's been commuting up to four hours a day to George Mason and scrimping at every turn as he prepares for law school. He'll graduate in

December with a major in sociology and a minor in anthropology.

"I don't buy clothes," Robertson said.

"I don't shop. I stay at home. I don't go out."

"I really try to prepare enough so that I'm not stressed out with money. That's

the last thing you need to be stressed out by when you're in school."

Corwin Burton, a sophomore at the University of Maryland, gave up his apartment and moved back home when the tips dropped off at the bar he tends. Studying nano-engineering, he's confident the economy will rebound by the time he gets out of grad school.

"It always does," he said. "It's nowhere near bad enough to think that the country's going to explode and fail. The economy naturally cycles. I've studied enough economics to know that. It goes up, it goes back down."

The poll was conducted April 22 to May 4 by Edison Media Research and involved interviews with 2,240 undergraduate students aged 18-24 at four-year colleges.

Home prices tumble by record 19.1 percent

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Home prices fell at the fastest annual rate on record in the first quarter, but the pace of month-to-month declines continues to slow, a closely watched housing index showed Tuesday.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller National Home Price index reported home prices tumbled by 19.1 percent in the first quarter, the most in its 21-year history.

Home prices have fallen 32.2 percent since peaking in the second quarter of 2006 and are at levels not seen since the end of 2002.

The 20-city index fell by 18.7 percent in March from the year before and the 10-city index lost 18.6 percent. Those declines were a bit better than February's

and marked the second straight month the indexes didn't post record drops.

Still, there are no signs home prices have hit bottom.

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said David M. Blitzer, chairman of the S&P index committee. All 20 cities showed monthly and annual price declines, with nine setting annual records. Fifteen cities posted double-digit drops and three cities — Phoenix, Las Vegas and San Francisco — all recorded declines of more than 30 percent.

Minneapolis posted a 6.1 percent decline from February to March, and the biggest monthly drop on record for all of the metro area.

Home prices in Dallas were flat in March.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (May 27).....	92.00
South Korean won (May 27).....	1,229.00
Euro costs (May 27).....	\$1.4265
Dollar buys (May 27).....	£ 0.7010
British pound (May 27).....	\$1.63

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar).....	3.770
British pound.....	\$1.5874
Canada (Dollar).....	1.1287
China (Yuan).....	6.8323
Denmark (Krone).....	5.3419
Egypt (Pound).....	5.6237
Euro.....	\$1.3941/7173
Hong Kong (Dollar).....	7.7517
Hungary (Forint).....	202.92
Israel (Shekel).....	3.9959
Japan (Yen).....	94.83
Kuwait (Dinar).....	2.880
Norway (Krone).....	6.4489
Philippines (Peso).....	47.34
Poland (Zloty).....	3.19
Saudi Arabia (Riyal).....	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar).....	1.4513
South Korea (Won).....	1,258.40
Switzerland (Franc).....	1.0851
Thailand (Baht).....	34.49
Turkey (New Lira).....	1.5636
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold.....	\$926.30
Silver.....	\$14.110

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate.....	3.25
Discount rate.....	0.50
Federal funds market rate.....	0.00-0.25
3-month bill.....	0.16
30-year bond.....	4.39
Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press	

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Important to define 'delusion'

It doesn't take a genius to see through the assertions in Charlotte Allen's May 24 Perspectives column "Atheists only believe in their own superiority." Stars and Stripes should be aware that according to the Military Association of Atheists and Free Thinkers, one out of five servicemembers would call himself or herself nonreligious, and many are in fact "atheists in the foxhole."

An agnostic might agree with Allen that what "atheists don't seem to realize is that even for believers, faith is never easy in this world of injustice, pain and delusion." The problem is defining what "delusion" might be. If we believe in things that science, logic and reason cannot provide evidence for, are we possibly delusional?

Let me propose this question: If there is God, and he has not provided any evidence of his actual existence that can be determined by us with any mechanism or observation other than faith that he's there, should we in fact believe in him? And if so, what mechanism do we have to determine whether other gods are false? As you can see from the atheist's point of view, we certainly can understand why faith would be difficult.

With that headline, one would only point

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out an atheist who does not fall into the author's characterization of self-superiority in order to dispel her stereotype. In this case an agnostic atheist named Albert Einstein once said: "I have repeatedly said that in my opinion the idea of a personal

God is a childlike one. You may call me an agnostic, but I do not share the crusading spirit of the professional atheist. ... I prefer an attitude of humility corresponding to the weakness of our intellectual understanding of nature and of our own being."

So I ask, is it such a conceited, self-righteous thing to question the assertion that there is a god, while requiring actual evidence from those who say there is?

Joseph Wetherington
Baghdad

Ban just moved the smoke

The smoking ban the armed forces has decided to enforce in base housing towers is a good thing, but it carries with it unintended consequences. On several occasions when I have been walking to my car or carrying groceries to my building, I have been incredulous at some of the actions I've witnessed, such as a roughly 1-year-old child playing with the secondhand smoke her parents are exhaling.

Being a parent myself, I am bothered that a parent would allow his or her child to be exposed to secondhand smoke. Is this the hallmark of good parenting? I think not.

Ashley Straub
Misawa Air Base, Japan

Remove roadblocks to PTSD treatment

By CATHERINE WHITNEY

My brother, Jim, was a soldier once, but when he died, at age 53, he was long past the time when anyone called him a hero. He died alone, in poverty, alienated from family and friends, his life and death complicated by war wounds that penetrated far deeper than the pieces of shrapnel that earned him his Purple Heart. Jim was a Vietnam combat engineer who survived the war but later became another kind of statistic — a lost soul, a veteran who never recovered from his experiences.

Jim didn't seek help, nor did the Army offer it during his 20-year military career. Instead, to try to deal with his pain, he began to drink. He was forced into retirement when he was 37, with nothing but a drawer full of medals, a subsistence-level pension and a crushed spirit.

We hear a lot of talk about post-traumatic stress disorder afflicting troops and veterans. To its credit, the military has tried to update its attitudes and systems to accommodate the growing number of traumatized soldiers returning from our current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. But PTSD is still viewed as an abnormal response to battlefield trauma rather than the reaction of a normal person to the horrors of war. And so the stigma remains.

Tragically, it is often left to individual soldiers and veterans to seek help. Many

are career military, as my brother was, and they fear the dishonor associated with a diagnosis of PTSD.

And when veterans do file a claim, the process is so convoluted, humiliating and intimidating that it creates fresh emotional wounds. The Department of Veterans Affairs places claimants in the position of having to relive the trauma, analyze its impact and recall names, dates and places that may be months or years in the past.

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The lengthy filing form includes a detailed essay on the exact event that caused PTSD.

But PTSD is not like a shrapnel wound that pierces the skin at a precise moment. It may develop over time and not be evident for years or even decades after the fact. There are so many roadblocks on the way to a successful PTSD claim that some veterans just give up. Some die before their claims have made it through the process. Some commit suicide.

Imagine how different this bleak picture might look if professional mental health screening were required for all troops, both before and after combat — along with an adequate force of trained psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers to meet the demand. It's an obvious first step, but it would require an organizational and financial commitment from Congress, the

VA and the current administration. Unfortunately, for most people, PTSD is an abstraction. The lonely battle of lobbying for better services is mostly left to independent veterans groups and families of the afflicted.

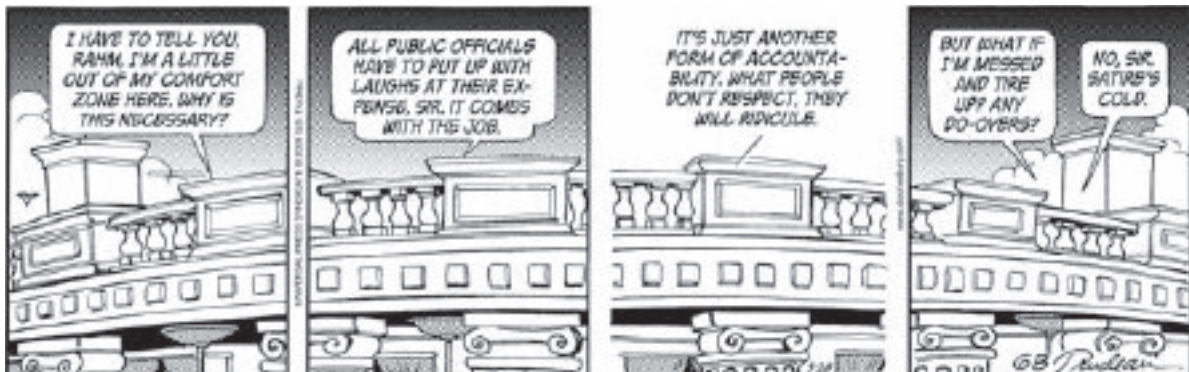
There is a significant disconnect between what we say about supporting our troops and what we actually do. We seem to despise the weakness of the wounded soldier, especially when it is manifested by

mental illness, social alienation or undefined degenerative diseases. Today's war heroes too often become tomorrow's poor, many living in rundown apartment complexes around military bases, where they can squeeze out discounts for their essential needs.

We buried Jim on Sept. 10, 2001, and barely had a chance to grieve when thoughts of our brother were blown from our minds. A new war was engaged, with an army of fresh names and faces. The familiar chant spilled out from the soul of a nation blind to its meaning: Support our troops. Now, as so many of our brave soldiers make their long journey home, the question remains: Can we give dignity in peace?

Catherine Whitney is the author of "Soldiers Once: My Brother and the Lost Dreams of America's Veterans." This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

By GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Court pick on board with identity politics

BY GEORGE WILL

WASHINGTON

Responding to early 19th-century rumors that they drank excessively, the Supreme Court justices decided to drink nothing on conference days — unless it was raining. At the next conference, Chief Justice John Marshall asked Joseph Story to scan the sky for signs of rain. When Story said he saw none, Marshall said: "Our jurisdiction extends over so large a territory that the doctrine of chances makes it certain that it must be raining somewhere — let us refresh ourselves."

Americans have argued about the court's jurisdiction forever. They should not stop, especially now that the president has nominated U.S. Appeals Court Judge Sonia Sotomayor.

The 1987 fight over President Ronald Reagan's nomination of Robert Bork interred the tradition that the Senate, in evaluating judicial nominees, would not delve deeply into the nominee's jurisprudential thinking. Bork's defeat was unjust, but the new approach to confirmations was overdue, given the court's increasingly central role in American governance.

Before Sotomayor's confirmation hearings begin, the Supreme Court probably will overturn a ruling she supported on the 2nd Circuit — the propriety of New Haven, Conn., canceling fire department promotions because there were no African-Americans (although there was a Hispanic) among the 18 firemen the

selection test made eligible for promotion. A three-judge panel of 2nd Circuit judges, including Sotomayor, affirmed a district court's dismissal of the firemen's complaint, doing so in a perfunctory and unpublished order that acknowledged none of the large constitutional questions involved.

Stuart Taylor of the National Journal calls this "a process so peculiar as to fan suspicions that some or all of the judges were embarrassed by the ugliness of the actions that they were blessing and were trying to sweep the case quietly under the rug, perhaps to avoid Supreme Court review or public criticism, or both." Taylor says that when "the circuit's more conservative judges got wind of the case," they sought to have it reheard by the full 2nd Circuit. They failed but successfully argued that the Supreme Court should take the case.

Taylor has also noted this from a Sotomayor speech to a Hispanic group: "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion (as a judge) than a white male who hasn't lived that life." Says Taylor, "Imagine the reaction if someone had unearthed in 2005 a speech in which then-Judge Samuel Alito had asserted, for example: 'I would hope that a white male with the richness of his traditional American values would reach a better conclusion than a Latina woman who hasn't lived that life' — and had proceeded to speak of 'inherent physiological or cultural differences.'"



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President Barack Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court, Judge Sonia Sotomayor, said in a speech to a Hispanic group: "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion (as a judge) than a white male who hasn't lived that life."

Her ethnicity aside, Sotomayor is a conventional choice. The court will remain composed entirely of former appellate court judges. And like conventional liberals, she embraces identity politics, including the idea of categorical representation: A person is what his or her race, ethnicity, gender or sexual preference is,

and members of a particular category can be represented — understood, empathized with — only by people of the same identity.

Democrats compounded confusion by thinking of the court as a representative institution. Such personalization of the judicial function subverts the rule of law.

In the 1978 Bakke case involv-

ing racial preferences in admissions to a California medical school, the opinion written by Justice Lewis Powell said race can be a "plus" factor for certain government-preferred minorities. But according to Powell's biographer (John Jeffries of the University of Virginia Law School), when the justices conferred on the case and Thurgood Marshall said such preferences would be needed for another century, Powell was "speechless." In 2003, affirming the constitutionality of racial preferences in university admissions, Sandra Day O'Connor, writing for the majority, said such preferences would be unnecessary in 25 years — 19 years from now. How long does Sotomayor think they will be necessary? What are her criteria of necessity?

Perhaps Sotomayor subscribes to the Thurgood Marshall doctrine: "You do what you think is right and let the law catch up" (quoted in the Stanford Law Review, summer 1992). Does she think the figure of Justice should lift her blindfold, an emblem of impartiality, and be partial to certain categories of people? A better jurisprudential doctrine was expressed by a certain Illinois state legislator in a 2001 radio interview: "The Constitution is a charter of negative liberties. ... It says what the federal government can't do to you, but it doesn't say what the federal government or the state government must do on your behalf."

George Will is a member of Washington Post Writers Group.

DOD can help ensure overseas ballots are counted

BY REPS. KEVIN MCCARTHY AND DAN BOREN

One of the failures in an otherwise smooth November election is the uncounted votes of many of our nation's military members serving abroad. They are unequivocally the most disadvantaged of all eligible voters. According to a recent report conducted by the Pew Center on the States, only 26 percent of the absentee ballots requested by military personnel were actually cast in the 2006 election. Compare that to the 85 percent of all voters' absentee ballots that were cast.

A grateful nation thanks our military men and women for their service and sacrifice. As such, Congress should take action to fix military voting problems. The impediments that disenfranchise thousands of troops overseas were highlighted in a 2007 Election Assistance Commission (EAC) survey report on the 2006 election: Of the 992,034 ballots sent to military and overseas voters, more than 660,000 were never returned to election officials to be counted. Action is needed to fix this problem.

Although the EAC isn't expected to release the 2008 election report until September, we suspect that it will reflect more of the same — thousands of military absentee ballots unaccounted for. Action is needed to fix this problem.

According to the EAC's report on the 2006 election, 70 percent of all rejected absentee ballots were returned undeliverable, and 23 percent were rejected by elec-

tion officials because they were returned after deadlines stipulated by state law. In other words, overseas military personnel — who have little to no control of their geographic assignments — aren't able to keep their records updated with local election officials, and those who actually receive their ballot usually don't have sufficient time to return it before the state's deadline. Action is needed to fix this problem.

That is why we reintroduced the Military Voting Protection (MVP) Act. It would establish procedures for the collection, transportation and tracking of marked absentee ballots from overseas uniformed

services voters to ensure that the ballots are delivered in time to be counted, while safeguarding voter privacy and ballot secrecy. Specifically, the bill would require the Department of Defense to utilize postal express mail services and would ensure that ballots submitted for delivery four days before the elections would arrive in time to be counted.

This is one common-sense step to fix the problem. My colleagues and I are also currently looking at additional reforms that would help streamline military voting procedures so that our troops serving overseas can receive their ballots without

unnecessary delays.

It's infuriating to consider that our troops are fighting overseas to protect our right to participate in the democratic process while being deprived of theirs. The status quo is unacceptable, and it is Congress' obligation to uphold the essence of this democracy and reinstate fair representation for these brave men and women.

Kevin McCarthy, a Republican, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from California's 22nd District in 2006. He currently serves on the House Administration Committee as the ranking member on the election subcommittee. Dan Boren, a Democrat, was elected to the House from Oklahoma's 2nd District in 2004. He currently serves on the House Armed Services Committee.

Prickly City



BY SCOTT STANTIS

Resort fire under investigation

NY BOLTON LANDING — Fire investigators are looking into the cause of a blaze that damaged some walls at an Adirondack resort hotel and forced the evacuation of guests and staff.

Nearly a dozen fire departments responded to the fire near a dining room at The Sagamore, on Lake George 60 miles north of Albany. Crews extinguished the fire in about 20 minutes.

Officials said the fire started in the basement.

Kan. man accused of hitting bird appeals fine

CA LAGUNA BEACH — A Kansas man accused of beating a gull that tried to eat his wife's ice cream is appealing a \$275 fine stemming from the incident in California.

The Orange County Register reported that Dragan Djuric of Wichita, Kan., contested the fine levied by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for violating the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Police say Djuric beat a Heermann's gull with a stick and broke its wing in Laguna Beach on New Year's Eve. The bird was later euthanized.

Officer beaten while trying to help woman

MA BOSTON — Boston police said a young officer is recovering after she was punched and bitten by a woman and her boyfriend while trying to break up a fight the couple were having.

Police haven't released the officer's name. They say she was off-duty when she heard a woman crying for help while she was walking in the Back Bay neighborhood.

The officer identified herself as a police officer to the couple. But police say the woman and man punched and bit the officer and fled.

Police arrested the couple and charged them with assault and battery on a police officer.

Tax oversight lightens council member's load

MI DETROIT — A Detroit city council member has paid \$68 in property taxes this year because city records say her home doesn't exist.

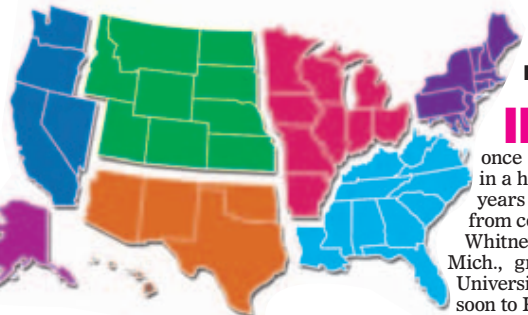
JoAnn Watson's brick Tudor-style home on the city's west side has been occupied since 1926, but city records have classified the parcel as an empty lot for the past decade.

Owners of comparable homes pay \$2,000 to \$6,500 in property taxes.

Watson told the Detroit Free Press she thought the steep drop in property taxes was a result of tornado damage.

Barn burns decades after blaze hit same spot

NY ROME — A fire has decimated an upstate New York barn, striking more than 30



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years after a blaze destroyed another barn on the same spot and killed two children.

Edward Tyler remembers the first time his family's barn in northern Rome burned down in the 1970s, with two local children caught in the flames.

This time, he and his wife thought they smelled someone having a cookout. But later they realized the barn that had been rebuilt on the same spot was on fire.

They rushed to let their cows out of the barn, but three died.

Hawaii's construction workers out of work

HI HONOLULU — Thousands of out-of-work construction workers in Hawaii are taking up odd jobs, turning off their cell phones to save money and attending job fairs in a desperate search for employment.

About 45 percent of the Hawaii Carpenters Union's 7,300 members are out of work, and the union's membership has fallen by 500 over the last year, said Ron Taketa, the union's financial secretary.

Some workers have stopped using their cell phones to pinch pennies, but that isn't helping them find jobs, said Kyle Chock, executive director of Pacific Resource Partnership, which serves as a bridge between Hawaii's leading contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.



Crime-fighting cards

Offenders play a game of Spades using a deck of Cold-Case Cards in the Snohomish county jail in Everett, Wash. Each card features a short story about either a homicide victim or a missing person. The cards were distributed in jails and prisons in an effort to solicit new leads in stalled investigations.

Woman in ID mixup graduates

IN UPLAND — A Michigan woman once believed to have died in a horrific van crash three years ago has graduated from college in Indiana.

Whitney Cerak, of Gaylord, Mich., graduated from Taylor University and plans to travel soon to Kenya to work with her sister helping children.

"We are excited to see her reach this milestone of graduation. It just didn't seem possible three years ago," Taylor spokesman Jim Garlinger said. "In fact, three years ago, we didn't even know that she had survived the accident."

Cerak was thought to have been among the four Taylor students who died with a university staff member in 2006, after a semi trailer crashed into their van.

Town's parade canceled after train hits van

WI ELM GROVE — A freight train smashed into a stalled minivan as people scrambled to pull woman and two children out of the vehicle to safety. A third child remained in the van but was uninjured.

A police officer and a man helping were reported injured, and the Milwaukee suburb canceled its Memorial Day parade.

WTMJ-TV said the woman and two toddlers were safely evacuated, but an infant was still inside when the train struck the vehicle and smashed its front.

The infant escaped injury, the station said.

Craps player sets record in Atlantic City casino

NJ ATLANTIC CITY — One woman had a record-setting night for a novice craps player at an Atlantic City casino.

Patricia Demauro set a new record for the longest craps roll, hanging on for four hours and 18 minutes at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa.

Borgata officials say she beat the previous record by one hour and 12 minutes, set nearly 20 years ago in Las Vegas.

"This was only my second time playing craps, so this was very exciting for me to be a part of history," says Demauro, who lives in Denville in northern New Jersey.

Demauro finally lost after 154 rolls of the dice and was greeted by a champagne toast.

The casino wouldn't say how much Demauro won.

Ohio man killed after threatening neighbors

OH TOLEDO — A man who didn't get his nightly telephone call from his mother while she was traveling mistakenly claimed his neighbors had kidnapped her and stormed into their house to kill them before police officers killed him in a bloody standoff, authorities said.

Richard D. Carr, who apparently believed his mother had been killed or kidnapped, was armed with two handguns when he pounded on next-door neighbor John Murphy's front door and announced he was going to kill Murphy and his family, police said.



Foot traffic Crowds clog Broadway in New York's Times Square after the city began closing sections of the street. In hopes of reducing pollution, increasing safety and improving traffic flow, the city has closed parts of Broadway to vehicles. Cars will still be allowed to cut across the new pedestrian promenade at cross streets, but they will then be rerouted to other north-south avenues across the grid.



Color coordinated

A woman cruises the streets with an original hair design on 30th Avenue South for the Atlantic Beach Bikefest, in Atlantic Beach, S.C.



Doggie stepmom

Lakota, a 7-year-old Australian shepherd, looks after and nurses a litter of four kittens in Snohomish, Wash. The dog became an adoptive mother after the mother of the kittens was struck by a car and killed recently at a family farm.



Pint-sized boat

A contestant in the Schooner Wharf Minimal Regatta paddles his entry in Key West, Fla. More than 40 teams built and raced vessels that were constructed from a 4-by-8-foot sheet of plywood; two 8-foot-long 2-by-4 boards; a roll of duct tape; and a pound of fasteners.



Energizing

Wind turbines churn in Sherman County, Ore.

High school snake gets new home after escape

ME GREENVILLE — “Buddy” the boa has a new home, after escaping from his cage at Greenville High School in Maine, then getting away from the police.

The two-foot-long boa constrictor disappeared on May 12, prompting a big search at the school.

They even moved everything out of the room where Buddy lived, including an old computer printer. Turns out, Buddy was inside the printer and no one knew it until the school gave it to a student to take home and dismantle.

The Bangor Daily News reports the student gave the printer to a friend's mom, and Buddy decided to peak out in the woman's home.

Buddy now lives with a teacher.

Zookeeper stable after tiger bites his leg

TN MEMPHIS — A spokesman for the Memphis Zoo says a zookeeper is in stable condition after being bitten in the leg by a Bengal tiger.

Spokesman Drew Smith told WMC-TV that the 3-year-old tiger bit the man in the lower calf. The attack came before visitors were in the park in a secure area off-limits to the public.

Smith said the tiger, named Kumari, was sedated after the attack and zoo officials are investigating. Smith said zoo officials don't know whether something provoked the tiger, but added that wild animals “don't necessarily need to be provoked.”

Green graduation gets power from landfill gas

NH DURHAM — The University of New Hampshire has celebrated its efforts to be green by using gas from a landfill to power the loudspeakers at its commencement and turning left-over food from the ceremony into compost.

The university is the first in the nation to receive most of its heat and electricity from landfill gas. It showcased the achievement at the eco-themed graduation ceremony.

The keynote speaker was the CEO of Stonyfield Farm, which uses all natural and organic ingredients to make yogurts and smoothies.

Two killed, six hurt in graduation shooting

AZ MESA — Two people were killed and six others — two of them children — were wounded in a shooting at a high school graduation party, police said.

Brent Matthew Banks, 37, was arrested after a four-hour standoff with police at a house in Mesa, east of Phoenix, Mesa Police Sgt. Ed Wessing said.

Preliminary information indicated that Banks was an invited guest at the party who got into a physical fight with his ex-wife, Wessing said.

He allegedly went to his vehicle, got a gun, returned to the party and opened fire, killing his 38-year-old ex-wife and a 32-year-old man, Wessing said.

San Diego fire damages homes, burns 100 acres

CA FALLBROOK — Officials say a 100-acre brush fire that has damaged three homes in a rural community in north San Diego County was sparked by human activity.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Capt. Nick Schuler says the fire was 15 percent contained and is expected to be fully surrounded this week.

No structures are threatened and no injuries have been reported.

Schuler says it's unclear whether the blaze was intentionally set or an accident.

Attempt to keep eggs warm sparks house fire

NH CONWAY — Authorities say a child trying to keep some robin's eggs warm sparked a house fire in Conway, N.H.

No one was hurt in the fire.

Officials told WMUR-TV that it was sparked by a homemade incubator that had been set up inside the house.

Crews were able to knock the fire down quickly and save the home.

North Texas horses to help wounded veterans

TX EGAN — The Army hasn't used horses, except in ceremonies, since the 1930s.

But Janie Dann, a volunteer at Wings of Hope Equitherapy in Johnson County, wants to introduce horses to a new generation of soldiers who are struggling to overcome debilitating injuries from their service.

Long accustomed to working with people with multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, paralysis and Down syndrome, Wings of Hope wants to implement a program to help wounded Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

The horses are ready, and so are the instructors and volunteers. The funding, they say, is not a problem either. All they're missing is the veterans.

But the Veterans Affairs Department's Medical Center in Dallas doesn't yet know enough about the program to sign off. Dr. Richard Robinson, who leads the VA's polytrauma medicine unit in Dallas, said he and others would need to better understand Wings of Hope before sending patients.

Baby boom: 74 births in 48 hours at hospital

NY NEW YORK — The stork deserves a summer vacation after a record 74 newborns were delivered in 48 hours at a Brooklyn hospital.

The Maimonides Medical Center called in staff reinforcements and opened an extra wing after the 60-bed birthing suite was filled to capacity during a surprise baby surge last week.

Hospital spokeswoman Eileen Tynion says that veteran staff often swap stories about spikes in baby births, but couldn't recall such a tyke-storm as this one.

She says once or twice a year about 65 babies are born over 48 hours.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The planet Neptune was named after the Roman god of the sea and is believed to command the mysterious and awesome power of imagination just as his Roman namesake controlled the oceans. Today, Neptune goes retrograde, encouraging a review of our fond imaginings. Notice fanciful thoughts that could use some positive tuning.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 28). You are powerfully grounded and will not be bounced around by life. Instead of going where you must, you walk deliberately where you want to go. In June, you'll pick up a new hobby, and new relationships come along with it. At work, you provide what people need and are paid well, especially in August and October. Libra and Aquarius adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Double-check to make sure your messages have been delivered to the correct people and are received in the spirit they were intended. Otherwise, small mix-ups have the potential to take up your time unnecessarily.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be listening to a long, involved story — oh, boy, is it hard to keep from interrupting. You prove your friendship and your character by being a good listener. Your undivided attention could actually heal someone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't have to read a book on social graces or go to charm school to figure out how to create rapport with others. You will naturally find subtle, unobtrusive ways to connect with those who interest you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life will ask you a tricky question. If you think long and hard about it, you'll probably come up with the wrong answer. Go with your gut. Your first instinct will be correct.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Do not be one of those people who say too much and ruin what would have been

a favorable outcome. Whether you're doing a deal or trying to make a new friend, realize when to back off. Don't sell it when it's already sold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be a target for innocent flirting and shameless flattery. Oh, happy day! If you're overly modest or self-deprecating, you'll miss out on the fun. You deserve this attention so revel in it.

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You enjoy your work — well, maybe not all the time and certainly not every aspect of your job. And yet today you'll be keenly aware how the professional role you play satisfies a profound need in you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A goal you once thought was unreasonable is now seeming quite within your reach. You may have to break one of your bad habits in order to get there, but this is not as hard as it would have been last week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No matter how sincere an effort may be, it won't be effective unless you believe in it with your whole being. Stop trying. Trying is not doing. Just do it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your friendships need some love and attention. It's the extra bits of kindness that will make a difference. Your connections will take you to interesting places. First, you must grease the wheels, though.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You always feel that when you're helping others, you are making excellent use of your time. Check your mood, though. If it's less than sunny, the best use of your time is to give more to yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Young people make a difference in your day. You marvel at their innocence. Their lack of pretension is refreshing. Their raw emotional force will bring you back to your own honest feelings.

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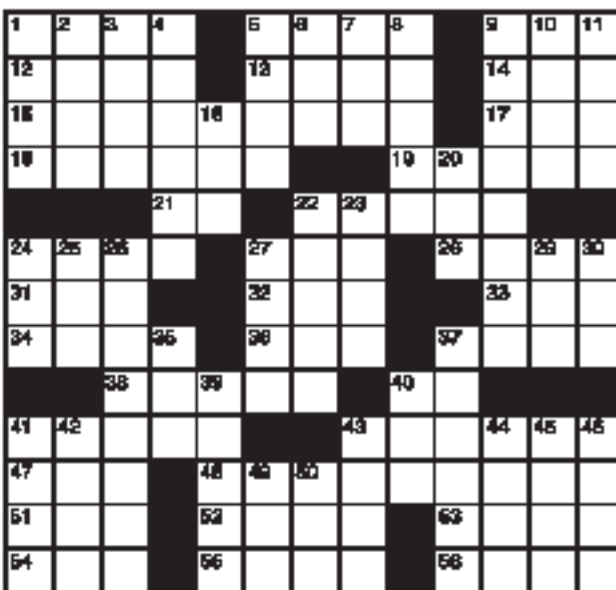
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Today's Cryptogrip Clue: A square of

Woman embarrassed by house

Dear Abby: My husband is threatening to leave and my 9-year-old daughter is distraught because I am embarrassed about our home and our cars. We live in an affluent suburb, but we're not one of the rich families. My daughter wants to invite friends from school over, but I'm mortified about their parents seeing our home or cars.

Dear Abby



I know these things shouldn't matter. I love my husband, but he says I'm ruining our daughter's self-esteem and disrespecting him by being embarrassed by a life he works hard to provide. What's wrong with me, and how can I get past this? I don't want to lose my family.

— Embarrassed In Ohio

Dear Embarrassed: What makes a home warm and welcoming isn't whether it has been professionally decorated. Your problem isn't that you're ashamed of your house or cars. It's that you lack confidence in who you are.

When your daughter's friends visit, cookies in the oven, a welcoming smile and a willing ear if one of them needs a trusted adult in whom to confide will be more appreciated than whether your couch is new or there's a late-model car in the driveway.

Dear Abby: I met

"Greta" when I was in the Army Reserve. We fell in love, despite the fact that her parents disapproved of me. I come from a working-class background and Greta's family was considerably well-off. We didn't care — we wanted a future together.

Shortly before I was discharged, Greta told me she was carrying my baby. I left for home with plans to send for her and marry her. I lined up a job and a place to live. Several months later, Greta phoned to say she had had a baby girl. She said her parents had made her give our daughter up for adoption and asked me never to contact her again.

Eventually, I married and had three kids. Five years ago, with the help of my children, we located my lost daughter, "Lily," and welcomed her into the family.

To cement our relationship, I had a paternity test performed recently and was shocked to learn I am NOT Lily's father. Greta still insists that I am, but DNA doesn't lie. Greta put my name on Lily's birth certificate. Lily blames herself for this mess, which is unfounded, and now says it's too painful to see me and my family again. What can we do?

— Crushed In New York

Dear Crushed: Write Lily and tell her that you were overjoyed when you found her, and that blood-related or not, you will always love her and her children. Perhaps if she reads it she will realize that in some cases we build families not just from DNA, but also from mutual need and caring. That's all you can do for now.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Jefferies and Jeff Kowal



IN THESE TIMES OF TIGHT BUDGETS, STAYING WITHIN MEANS —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

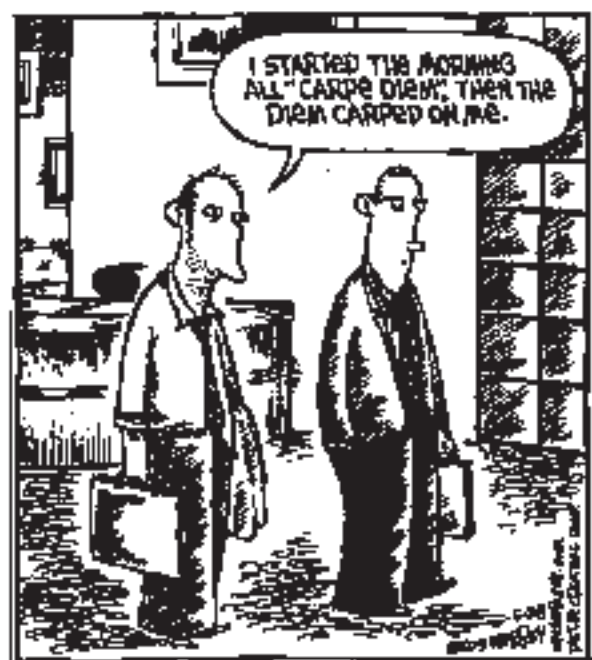
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(Answers to page 19)

Yesterday's Jumble: ADAPT JOLLY BECOME ADVICE
Answer: What the locksmith did when he thought he heard gunfire — HE "BOLTED"



Speed Bump



AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "Internal Affairs"	Backyardigans	Movie "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" (1998)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Mad About You	(15) NBA Basketball Eastern Conference	(8:00) Sports
9:30		Miss Spiders	Angela Bassett: A middle-aged workaholic rediscovers her passionate side.	Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Living Single	Final Game 4 -- Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World				Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Curious George				AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	Miss Spiders		Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Recon	E! News		Sports
11:30		Backyardigans	(20) Movie "Lost in Translation" (2003) Bill Murray, Scarlett Johansson.		Everybody-Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Handy Manny		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Conscience of the King"	Inside the NBA	
12:30	ESPN News	Dora the Explorer			Judge Judy	Around the Services			
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "Soul Food" (1997)	Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Roseanne "Radio Days"	Baseball Tonight	
13:30		Bear in House	Vanessa L. Williams. Domestic troubles and illness threaten a close-knit family.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	Downrange	Girlfriends	NBA Fastbreak	
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street				AFN News Europe	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson					Recon			
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(05) Movie "To Die For" (1995) Nicole Kidman. A woman will stop at nothing to achieve television stardom.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Color Splash		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Tavis Smiley		The American Veteran	Fight Quest "China" Kung fu in China.	NHL Hockey Eastern Conference Final Game 4 -- Pittsburgh Penguins at Carolina Hurricanes. From the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C.	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(40) Zatch Bell		Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Recon Revisited	King of the Hill		X Play
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	At the Movies	Entertainment Tonight	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	That '70s Show		Futurama "Jurassic Bark"
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Ent. Studios	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	Downrange	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	Baseball Tonight	The Simpsons
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Miss Potter" (2006, Biography) Renée Zellweger, Ewan McGregor, Emily Watson.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	The Game "Mel-o-drama"	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report	NBA Fastbreak	Family Guy
18:30	Everybody-Raymond	Hannah Montana		Today	Worst Week "The Bird"	Fit For Duty	I Get That a Lot	SportsCenter	UFC Unleashed
19:00	Access Hollywood	Kenan & Kel			Hell's Kitchen	Battleground	Ugly Betty "The Courtship of Betty's Father"		The Block
19:30	Judge Judy	American Dreams "The Fighting Irish"				Recon	Desperate Housewives	NBA Basketball Eastern Conference Final Game 4 -- Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla.	Baldwin Hills
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Everybody Hates Chris	(8:50) Movie "Holes" (2003) Sigourney Weaver. A woman forces juvenile delinquents to dig at a camp.	America's Newsroom	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "One to Go"	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Maid"		Making the Band 4
20:30	General Hospital	The Cosby Show		Newsroom	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Friends		Best Damn Sports Show Period
21:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG			The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Briefing Encore	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	Baseball Tonight	Attack of the Show!
22:30	Oprah Winfrey	Strange Days	Movie "Ghost" (1990) Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore.		Late Show-Letterman	Week-Pentagon	The Colbert Report	NBA Fastbreak	
23:00		Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Promises, Promises"				Tour of Duty			
23:30						Downrange			

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	EXchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Hannah Montana			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Futurama "Jurassic Bark"
1:00	Headline News	Wizards of Waverly Place		Happening Now	Today's Air Force	Today's Air Force	Any Day Now Mary Elizabeth and Collier try dating again.	Tennis French Open -- Early Round -- Day 4. From Paris. (Live)	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Kenan & Kel	(20) Movie "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox.	Newsroom	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Ghost Whisperer "The Prophet"		Family Guy
2:00	The Game "Mel-o-drama"	American Dreams "The Fighting Irish"			CSI: Miami "Throwing Heat"	Downrange			UFC Unleashed
2:30	Worst Week "The Bird"			MSNBC Live	CSI: Miami "Throwing Heat"	This Week in the Pentagon	Psych		
3:00	Hell's Kitchen	Everybody Hates Chris	Movie "Miss Potter" (2006) Renée Zellweger. Beatrix Potter faces many obstacles in her quest to become a writer.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	State Dept Briefing		The Block
3:30		The Cosby Show				Battleground	Seinfeld "The Maid"		Baldwin Hills
4:00	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "One to Go"	Degrassi: Next Generation			Dr. Phil	Around the Services	Friends		Making the Band 4
4:30	Headline News	Teletubbies	(4:50) Movie "Holes" (2003) Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voight. A woman forces juvenile delinquents to dig at a camp.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	All Hands TV	Kiana's Flex Appeal		Best Damn Sports Show Period
5:00	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends		Glenn Beck	Headline News	FNG Useful benefits.	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		Attack of the Show!
6:00		Sesame Street			Good Morning America	Downrange	Essence of Emeril		
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Bear in the Big Blue House	At the Movies	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Around the Services	Simply Delicious		MTV Hits Playlist
7:00		Blue's Clues	Entertainment Studios.com	NBC Nightly News		Briefing Encore	FitTV's Housecalls		
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Go, Diego, Go!	What It Takes	Newsroom	Sesame Street	This Week in the Pentagon	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	SportsCenter	Sports
8:00		Super Why!	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News		Fit For Duty	Mad About You "Clip Show"	NFL Live	
8:30	Judge Judy	The Wonder Pets!	Movie "Parenthood" (1989) Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen. A family experiences the pressures of raising children.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Around the Services	Living Single	NBA Shootaround	
9:00	CSI: Miami "Throwing Heat"	Little Einsteins		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Recon	Guiding Light		
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World				State Dept Briefing		NBA Basketball Western Conference Final Game 5 -- Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers. If necessary. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (Live)	Sports
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13:30	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street		The Rachel Maddow Show		AFN Europe Report	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	
14:00	World News-Gibson			Around the Services	Days of our Lives	Balad and Beyond	Decorating Cents		
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(15) Movie "The Pink Panther" (2006, Comedy) Steve Martin. A bumbling Frenchman probes the theft of a priceless gem.	Nightly Business Report	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	Fight Quest "Japan" Kyokushin karate.	NHL Hockey Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Jeopardy!		Battleground	King of the Hill		X Play
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon	Biography "Cameron Diaz" Cameron Diaz.	The O'Reilly Factor	Wheel of Fortune	Recon	That '70s Show		Futurama "Route of All Evil"
16:30		(40) Zatch Bell		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	Baseball Tonight	The Simpsons
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents		Today	World News-Gibson	This Week in the Pentagon	The Colbert Report	NBA Fastbreak	Family Guy
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles			King of the Hill	Briefing Encore	Project Runway	SportsCenter	The Hills
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Marie Antoinette" (2006) Kirsten Dunst, Jason Schwartzman. An account of the life of France's ill-fated queen.		(25) The Simpsons	Fit For Duty			Real World Secrets Revealed Behind the scenes.
18:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	Just Jordan			Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Slaughter Family"	Battleground	Grey's Anatomy Multiple trauma. (Part 1 of 2)	NBA Basketball Western Conference Final Game 5 -- Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers. If necessary. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (Live)	Real World -- Road Rules Challenge
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Naked Brothers Band			House "Unfaithful"	Recon Revisited	Private Practice "Equal and Opposite"		Best Damn Sports Show Period
19:30	Judge Judy	Made "Ice Hockey" Ice hockey team.				Around the Services	Seinfeld	Baseball Tonight	Attack of the Show!
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Everybody Hates Chris	(15) Movie "Duplex" (2003, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Drew Barrymore. A couple tries to get rid of an annoying neighbor.	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Friends		
20:30	General Hospital	The Cosby Show		Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Recon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	NBA Fastbreak	
21:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation	Movie "The Replacements" (2000, Comedy) Keanu Reeves.		Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		
21:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey							
22:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "One Touch of Nature"							
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Atsugi - FOR SALE: 1991 GMC Cyclone AWD, 4.3 I/V6 turbo, 320HP, very clean, runs great, 82,000 miles. This truck was only made in 1991 with less than 2000 made, kelly blue book value is over \$18,000, still the fastest production truck ever made! Brand New Rims and Tires 17x9 front, 17x10 back, rear disc brake mod. New Optima Battery, New Shocks. Very Fast and Very Rare. \$9500. O B O - e - m a i l - artle.oco@yahoo.com, cell: 08033905521

Atsugi, Japan - 1995 Mitsubishi RVR 64K km, JCI good thru July 2010. Road tax good thru May 2010. Tires less than 1 year old. Full sized spare. New front bearings and brakes. Reliable runner, has proven itself on numerous trips to Narita and beyond! \$1900. Call George 080 2038 0239. Photos on request!

Iwakuni - 1990 Skyline GTR (Iwakuni). This is the twin turbo, all wheel drive model. I have thousands of dollars of aftermarket parts, including a second motor. Please email for list of what I have. \$8500 obo for everything. Contact Scott at 080-347-4885 or potwice@gmail.com

Yokosuka - 1995 Black Nissan Pulsar 2DR Automatic, well maintained, clean interior, 12 Disc CD changer. Road Taxes already paid, runs great. JCI until August 2010. Base Inspection until July 2010. \$1200 OBO. Phone: 241-2730

Autos for Sale 141

Sasebo - 2005 Dodge Magnum R/T in Sasebo, with heated leather seats, 5 speed automatic, V-8 5.7 liter engine, 22 inch wheels, KW coilovers, Magna-flow exhaust, Sun roof, LED tail lights, Rockford Fosgate stereo system, Side mirror LED blinkers, Body Kit, Billet grill, dual zone A/C, 47,000 miles, Fully registered in Japan and state-side legal (bought in Hawaii). Asking \$15,000.00 OBO. Contact Darrell at terguosad@hnd2.navy.mil or call 08032719224.

Yokosuka - 1996 Red Nissan March 4DR Automatic, well maintained, clean interior. Road Taxes already paid, runs great. Great on gas. JCI until June 2010. Base Inspection until May 2010. \$1200 OBO. Phone: 241-2730

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Yokota - 1997 Honda SMX 4 Dr Blue Great Car! Excellent Car! Short notice PCS-need to sell in next 2 weeks. Bought only 5 months ago. In Dash CD/Mini Disc, great A/C/heater, automatic. Good size for Japan! Road Tax paid. JCI January 2010. Asking \$1200. Please call 08035868828 or work 225-4596.

Yokota - 2000 Nissan Bassara Van, seats 7, captains chairs 1 and 2nd row with adjustable arm rests, CD/navi/TV system. Drives like NEW still. Nice 18inch gold rims by Rays, which match body, 2nd owner. Oil changed every 3 months. Never had one problem with van. Without 18inch wheels 300,000yen with stock Nissan rims. Body and interior in great shape. Strong engine K24De. Billet grill, Recycle fees and Road tax Covered. JCI Dec 2009. Asking 325,000 yen. Call Dave 08055192722

Yokota - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla). Nice, clean, 4 door sedan, 4 cylinder, runs great. Automatic transmission. Power locks & power windows. Working A/C and heater. Cassette and AM/FM radio. 2009 road tax paid. Non smoker. Bought from Johnson's off base and passed JCI with the exception of an expired tire w/ 50K kilometers (37% miles). Never had any problems with it, and it has passed the Base Garage inspection again (only needed to replace tires), so, JCI is good until June 2011. \$1900 OBO. It is currently on the Lemon Lot # 30. Please call or email to see or if you have any questions. 443-283-0661 (vantage - off base); uone@gmail.com; Ask for Greg on base : 313-347-1030.

Yokota - 1992 Subaru Legacy Station Wagon Inexpensive family vehicle for driving on-base. (We don't drive off-base and haven't taken it on a long trip. Selling as teen driver doesn't want a station wagon). Tinted, cold A/C, seats 5 rear id-down for cargo. Some dents/scrapes, see picture not fancy, runs OK, new brakes. Road tax paid. JCI until Sep 29 '09 Asking \$700 email yokotajoe88@yahoo.com

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Skyline GTS-T (Turbo) w/ Extra's Nissan Skyline Turbo, with flip out TV/DVD, two monitors in the back, Direct iPod adapter, complete eclipse sound system, cold A/C, aftermarket cold air intake, aftermarket blowout valve, just had a tune up this winter, tires are 3 months old. JCI until Nov 2011 Asking \$2700 OBO Please call 080-5682-6699 or email nardone311@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Nissan Skyline 5-Speed Transmission all weather tires & rims A/C & Heater work great! AM/FM stereo Car runs great JCI until Dec. 2010 Asking \$3000 OBO Call Eduardo or Sarah @ 210-881-4403

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Toyota Aristo w/JCI good until march 2011 road tax paid-4 Door w/Spacious Interior-Automatic Transmission-18" Inch Chrome Rims - A/C/H/E/A/T - C/D Player/Radio-Auto Windows with Remote Lock Doors (all are operational)-Power Passenger and Driver Seat Adjustment Option for Comfy Ride maintenance on car fully accomplished-New Alternator w/1 year Warranty-New Battery-New Tires w/lots of Thread-New rear wheel bearings for smoother ride JCI until March 2011 need to sell car ASAP and I am willing to negotiate due to 20may2009 PCS Asking \$2200 OBO Please call 949-258-6842 or email miksalenga@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Lucida new price! We are leaving Yokota. Great van! Seats 8 runs great, clean, non smoking, 2 sunroofs. Great on gas! Call 720-257-6818 allied 080-349-2-0316 or email eliasmarp@yahoo.com JCI until Feb. 2010 asking \$800

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Century 139,000 KM Black 20" Chrome Rims New Tires Power Windows Power Locks Cruise Control Leather Seats Power Rear Seats Power Rear Seats (rear seats recline) Power Rear Head Rest Heated Seats Massage Rear A/C Road Tax Paid \$4000 OBO Call 216-619-8433 or 080-3362-9822 or email azntensla@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Premio - 4door, 2 year JCI until 09 May 2011. A/C works great! Remote lock, automatic transmission, Power windows, new tires feel free to test drive Call 080-3241-6736 or email rolan.tuazon@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Nissan Laurel 73,500 km 18" Rims w/ new Custom interior Touch screen TV/CD/NAVI great condition! JCI until July 2010 asking \$3500 Please call 090-3876-2567 or email pres-ton.bolen@yokota.af.mil

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Odyssey with extras! 1997 Odyssey seats 7 w/captain chairs. Fold away back seats. With sunroof w/moon roof, 6 disc CD changer, TV, turn by turn Navigation system, and proximity sensors in the bumpers A/C front and back, all new tires. Complete with all maintenance records and oil changes. JCI until April 10 Asking \$2500 OBO Please call 080-5682-6699 or email nardone311@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Toyota Corolla White Exterior with Grey interior 4 Door Radio/CD Player Great Condition Tires replaced November 2008 70462 Kilometers as of 12 May 08 JCI until Oct. 28 '2010 Asking \$2500 Please call 313-347-1038 or email chie72@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Honda Integra Extra sporty & loaded w/ extra. Great condition, 7 passenger van- Stow away 3rd row, fold up second row for plenty of cargo room. GPS Navigation + live VICS traffic info (so you can avoid the Tokyo traffic). You'll never get lost in Tokyo! Easy to use Navigation is pre-programmed with 1000+ U.S. bases. This feature alone is a life saver. TV/DVD combo (sound plays through car speakers. Great to keep your kids entertained on long rides). 12 Disc CD/MP3 changer, JCI until March 2010 Asking \$3100 OBO Please call 949-258-6842 or email jmaguadog@miamil.edu

Yokota, Japan - 95 Skyline R33 GT-R/2 Years JCI 50K km T o m e i P o n c a s B (260/260/9.15) Rebuilt Greddy springs/HKS stem seals (9,500 red lines) Greddy prophecy B spec II Boost Controller R34 B6 Turbo/steering internals 800cc injectors SARD 235/35 fuel pump SARD fuel rail NISMO fuel regulator Essential Auto returned ECU Avante carbon bumper-side skirts/carbon bonnet HKS Super Sound BOV Tomei head set N1 Water pump HKS turbo timer GS Giken twin plate ball bearings clutch & Lightweight flywheel MOMO carbon steering wheel new Greddy timing belt Adjustable cam pulleys 18" Work Emotion rims new lights (265/35 R-18) HD head-lights Auto-meter A-pillar gauge cluster NISMO white-face gauges 3rd owner/great condition! JCI until Jan 2011 asking \$21,500 OBO Call Dan at 720-257-6847 or email drnigolan@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Toyota Estima Van good condition, A/C Sun & Moon Roof, Seats 7, JCI until Oct. 2010 Asking \$3000 Please call 090-9372-4917 or email dondias@hotmail.com

Zama - 95' Black Toyota Levin, 47k good condition, 5 speed manual, \$1000/obo. Must sell fast. Camp Zama 263-7815

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Yokota, Japan - '97 Toyota Raum Runs Great, New Tires, A/C, built in GPS, power windows, power locks, 2 van style rear doors. Great car for around base or traveling throughout the Kanto Plain JCI until Aug. 2010 asking \$3000 Please call 090-9372-4917 or email dondias@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - A-Tag Size, Yellow Plate 1998 Mazda Scrum Wagon A-Tag size, Yellow Plate Mazda Scrum is just same as Suzuki Every Cheap Insurance and Tax (No Tax for this year, already paid) Great Gas Mileage Very Roomy (if you make rear sheets flat, you can sleep in the car -) Customized, Clear Lens Lowered, Aftermarket Chrome wheels etc (Wheels & Tires costs almost \$400) Runs great if you want fully 2 years JCI, add \$400. For more information or question, please call me at 090-9825-3805 (Soft Bank User can text me with the number) or e - m a i l - m e yokotajapan73@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Blue with Grey Trim Blue with Grey Trim Sun and Moon Roof Radio/CD-Player Tires Replaced November 2008 Good Condition 7452 Kilometers JCI until Dec 28 '09 Asking \$1000 Please call 313-347-1038 or email chie72@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Mazda RX-7 (FD3S) Black interior, black SSR rims. Car runs great, no problems. Upgrades JCI until Dec 28 '09 asking \$1000 Please call 313-347-1038 or email chie72@hotmail.com

Zama/SHA - 1998 Honda Odyssey, Great Condition, JCI good through November 2010. Road tax paid, Black w/ tan interior, Seats 7 w/ fold away 3rd row seats, power locks/windows, cold A/C, 10 disc CD changer, 88,500 km, \$2,500 obo. Available s o l e r y (negotiable if needed s o l e r y). E m a i l - gizzelle_m03@yahoo.com or call 267-6053/042-869-6053

Motorcycles 164

Atsugi - 2008 Suzuki GSXR 1000, US Spec, \$3,000 in upgrades, Yoshimura carbon fiber exhaust, PCIII, 3000km, registered in Japan and ready to ride! White/Black \$11,500 OBO NAF. Atsugi. Sgt Broome 090-2902-9895gr

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda X-11 Engine displacement 1100cc good condition JCI until Sept. 2010 asking \$4500 Please call 210-547-9936 or email samueleengler@hotmail.com

Motorcycles 164

Atsugi, Japan - 1994 Yamaha Dragstar 400cc) UNCR 3000 MILES! Cruiser style. Pristine body, new tank (bike is black and chrome). Saddle bags. I am the second owner of this motorcycle purchased from Red Baron. 100% dealer maintained. 100% garaged. Starts the first time EVERY time and runs beautifully. A STEAL AT \$3995! Please call George at 080 2063 0239 for more details. Photos on request!

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Kawasaki Zephyr 400cc. If you are learning to ride and want to start small this is a great beginner bike and loads of fun. Runs smooth and never had a problem with cold winter starts. Comes with cover, Road tax paid and JCI until Nov. 2009 asking \$1500 Please call 1-407-373-1321 or email kcm424@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Yamaha Dragstar 400cc) PRISTINE! Under 3000 MILES! Black/chrome cruiser. Saddle bags included new tank. I am the second owner of 100% dealer maintained bike. Has been garaged it entire life! Starts the first time every time and runs beautifully! Perfect for the first year rider in Japan a steal at \$3995. Phone number 080 2063 0239 or 264-3198 or email kristin.browns@med.navy.mil for details/pictures

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Hayabusa 1300cc Candy Orange paint job, many aftermarket parts added, paid 7600.00 before paint job and adds ones. I will throw in 2 helmets, and other various parts, including chrome decals and lights that go under cowls. JCI until 2010 asking \$7500 OBO Serious buyers only please call 080-6671-6612 or email marcus.vlyons@gmail.com Thanks

Yokota, Japan - 2008 Suzuki GSXR 1000 a US Spec motorcycle! It has 3000km and it is registered and ready to ride in Japan! \$3,000 in upgrades including power commander (PCIII), carbon fiber Yoshimura exhaust, ASV levers and many more!! Please call 080-6671-6612 or email marcus.vlyons@gmail.com Thanks

Yokota, Japan - Red double Jog Stroller, Made in USA. Selling on behalf; a used good working condition. Red Double Jog stroller, originally from USA. Selling for 18,500yen (negotiable) 1st come 1st serve! Deposit half or at least deposit any amount (by Post Office account) to confirm for buyer! Asking \$185 Please call 090-9837-9379

Zama - Looking for large motorcycle cover or street storage unit. Also looking for DOT helmet, gloves, and summer riding jacket. Please call Steve @ 080-5866-5527.

Yokota - Small Woman Bike wanted. It doesn't have to be nice, something I can ride on base. I want with basket. Anyone want to sell one or know where I can get it for good deal please let me know. I'm not looking for to pay a lot. Please send me pics with price. Call 614-358-4889

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Yokota, Japan - Joovy Caboose stroller (navy blue/black) this stroller is only 5 mths old. My son has just grown so quickly and the combined weight w/ y daughter getting close to the max weight of 100 lbs. The wheels do squeak sometimes, but a little WD40 will fix it no problem. (This happened once before to us). Asking \$100 P l e a s e e m a i l sva1514@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - Outstanding combi port-a-crib - This Combi-rand portacrib comes w/ bassinet, changing table, built-in bassinet/music, & rollers. It looks absolutely brand new! Perfect condition asking \$95 Please call 1-509-343-0795 or email sprunkmd@comcast.net

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Yokota, Japan - Shoes! Pink-rose shoes (\$35), Converse flats with polka dot (\$15), Converse Flats with brown (\$15), All black converse flats (\$20), Rocket dog rainbow/skull shoes (\$15) if you want pictures please email a m a i l j a p a n m i s s i o n s @ y a h o o . c o m or call 210-547-9918 Asking \$15-40

Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - 800 Watt BFG Power Supply, SGLI Ready, Out of box. \$80 OBO. email if you have any questions! E-mail gregg.mathew@gmail.com.

Yokota, Japan - Brand new KORG micro control USB midi controller/synth. The box has been opened, but it has never been taken out or used. This keyboard is one of a kind, easy to use, and very fun to play. From a store, expect to pay \$350-\$400 for this new unused, for far less, asking \$250 flexible Please call Parmenter 080-5408-7204

Education 430

Yokota, Japan - LeapPad Learning System! Starts pink and purple, 3 Activity Books included along with matching cartridges. Good for ages 4 - 7. Great condition. \$30.00 OBO. Call 1-904-229-0634.

Furniture 510

Atsugi - Sofa & Love seat (tan color) both in great condition. Asking \$100 for both. For more information call Lucy @ 080-3586-7202 or e-mail me @ lemooreraider@yahoo.com. Furniture currently in storage.

Yokota, Japan - (2) Twin Beds with Bedding Set We have two twin beds for sale, with red headboard, mattress, box springs, and bed rails. Both beds come complete with a bedding set that includes sheets, shame bed-skirt. Sorry, we only have one matching comforter for one bed only. The box springs and mattresses are in good condition. Asking \$50 Please call 0428-74-7350 or email zimmer.russell@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - beautiful sofa flexsteel sofa is made by the leading name in quality couches, and has a regal crown back. I cannot say enough about the top quality manufacturing, but we are ready for a change. Asking \$250 Please call 1-509-343-0795 or email sprunkmd@comcast.net

Yokota, Japan - gorgeous sofa sleeper Rich burgundy, blue and green plaid has a high back and can go great alone or with our other sofa on this site. It also a full-sized Hide-a-Bed, great for occasional guests. Asking \$300 Please call 1-509-343-0795 or email sprunkmd@comcast.net

Yokota, Japan - Berkline 'TAUPE' Chair w/ recliner absolutely nothing wrong with this! Only selling to downsize our load a bit the Bxtra currently has the matching couch, love-seat, etc. I do know that this set is one of their best selling ones. This is so comfortable, roomy, relaxing. I love our other pieces that we have for this set. This is the Berkline 'dream make' reclining chair-Natural Taupe Color. Paid \$580 asking \$400 Please call 916-473-4488 or come take a look in person serious buyers only please! So sorry, I do not have PICS.

Yokota, Japan - Cockatill & Small Bird for Associates! The Cage Wood Tabletop Playpen Heater Bonanza Bird Food Airline Approved Bird Carrier - (12" W x 17" L x 8" H; weighs 3 lbs. Approved by U.S. airlines, this carrier slide easily under airplane seats for a comfortable, affordable way for small to medium parrots to travel in the airline cabin. Asking \$60 Please email a m a i l j a m e r i c a 2 0 0 2 @ y a h o o . c o m

Yokota, Japan - Japanese Table w/glass cover Beautiful Japanese table with plum branch-flower carving on top. It comes with a glass cover to prevent scratches and stain Excellent Condition. Please call 1 858-368-6848 or email bderr@armed-svc.com

Yokota, Japan - Oriental bar table and stool! Oriental bar table the Asian bazaar Paid 1300 has a spinning glass holder and a removable wine rack! Asking \$800 Please email tkvan6@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Roll Top Desk Nice small Roll Top desk with drawers and nine small compartments. Asking \$75 Please call 1 858-368-6848 or email bderr@armed-svc.com

Yokota - Wanted: Full or Queen Size Bed (Oak or White). We are looking for an EXCELLENT CONDITION ONLY PLEASE Full or Queen Size Bed. WE DO NOT NEED THE MATTRESS. We are hoping to find one that is either LIGHT OAK or White. We would PREFER something that has a pedestal base (drawers on bottom so you only need a mattress). OR, SOMETHING THAT HAS lights/shelves/etc built into the headboard as a unit. Call 916-473-4488.

Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota, Japan - Dehumidifier - Whirlpool Purchased 2007 for \$165. Model AD40DSR1. Asking \$90 Please call 214-261-6361 or email mneely@armed-svc.com

Yokota, Japan - Fujitsu Refrigerator/Freezer Full Size 'Simple Style' Refrigerator/Freezer Excellent condition, less than 1 year old. No scratches or dents. Separate freezer/ refrigeration compartments. Plenty of internal racks, shelves, vegetable bins, egg holders, door shelves, and ice trays. Temperature control settings. Light tan color. Bought new for \$240 asking only \$125 Please call 090-8478-1050 or email japanmissions@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Range/Convection/ Microwave Oven National Range/ Convection/ Microwave Oven Excellent condition Less than 1 year old. Fully functional microwave, convection oven, and range Bake and oven cook like normal in Japan - fresh chocolate chip cookies! Interior dimensions can fit two full-size 9" x 13" pans. Come with pans, bake rack, and original manual. Bought new for \$150 asking only \$50 Please call Woody 090-8478-1050 or email a m a i l j a p a n m i s s i o n s @ g m a i l . c o m

Yokota, Japan - Washing Machine + Overhead Rack Sanyo 4.2kg Washing Machine + Overhead Rack Used but in good condition. Standard Japanese Sanyo. Some slight scratches and minor dents on outside but works like a champ. New hoses. Overhead rack has two storage racks and one clothes line hanging bar. Rack can adjust width to accommodate different size machines or laundry space. The rack itself cost \$40 and the washing machine was \$120. Asking only \$40 for the entire set Please call 090-8478-1050 or email a m a i l j a p a n m i s s i o n s @ g m a i l . c o m

Home Electronics 570

Fuji - Selling a Vestax PMC 17A professional digital mixer. It has a polished metal surface and has never been used. Asking price is \$350.00. E-mail me at jayfromjapan@yahoo.com

SHA/Zama - 32" Toshiba television. Excellent picture and color. The rack itself cost \$40 and the washing machine was \$120. Asking only \$40 for the entire set Please call 090-8478-1050 or email a m a i l j a p a n m i s s i o n s @ g m a i l . c o m

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Kitchen Curtains NEW Valance 59 x 11 1/2 inches Curtains (each) 29 x 12 x 37 inches. Bought not realizing my husband had some already, never used or washed, asking \$15 full set please call Rosanne 2108814413

Yokota, Japan - Martha Stewart 12X12 Fabric Storage Boxes these are great for organizing all your scrapbooking items, arts-n-crafts, toys, etc. I had all my scrapbooking 12X12 paper w/ matching stickers/nibbons, etc inside each one. With the window in front to label, I was able to stay organized. These were really hard to get at the BX, so when my husband was in the states, & w/ the help of my mom going to different stores, they were able to find some. I have 9 of these several solid natural brown colors w/ several solid light blue colors. Paid \$20-\$25 each, asking \$8.00 each, firm. I also have a few bags of scrapbooking items that I put together-if you've ever been to England, Ballerina, New packs of pastel cardstocks. Travel items. Scrapbooks that light up, etc. Please call Angela 916-473-4488

Jewelry 610

Schweinfurt, Germany - Beautiful jewelry, never worn, perfect condition. Blue TOPAZ. AMETHYST, SAPPHIRE, GARNET... Rings, Bracelets, Necklaces! am selling to less than half price \$65-\$100. Will ship for free. Please email me for info staciemichelle.22@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Organizers (rolling, non-rolling), duffie bag I have a Red/Black Rolling Duffie bag that my husband bought at Big 5 sporting goods for \$40. Only asking \$6.50 I have a clear/sheer blue 3 drawer rolling organizer. This fit perfectly in master bathroom, next to toilet, to hold toilet paper, hand towels, etc. You can also use it for organizing toys/crafts, ETC. \$6.50 (I also have a matching little organizer-great for hair accessories/small toys/crafts) \$2.50 Cream color 1-drawer on wheels organizer-fit perfect in upstairs bathroom-u can purchase more at Cainz, Jusco, Joyful Honda Crafts/toilet paper/toys/etc. \$4.00 Eddie Bauer Drop Bottom Rolling Duffie bag w/ 2 separate areas-it's like having 2 suitcases w/ lots of storage in one, \$40, Please call Angela 916-473-4488

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Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - 60 GB PS3 backward compatible with 11 games plus WH 60 Gig Backward compatible PS3 with 2 controllers and games in the pictures. Plus rock band with guitar, drums, and microphone! Asking \$60 Please call 614-358-4809 or email tkvan6@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - XBOX 360, 8 Games and More! XBOX 360 with hard drive and wireless internet connector. 8 Games included in this offer: Madden 2007, 2008, and 2009, Tiger Woods 2007, MLB 2K7, NCAA Football 07, Perfect Dark Zero, and Grand Theft Auto 4 (must buy 17 for this game). Asking \$175 Please call 713-490-0601 or email steepler79@yahoo.com

Pets 820

Atsugi - His name is Max. He is a whippet, and he is free to a good home. He is approximately 3 years old, and is current on his shots. He is neutered. He is well-behaved, and good with other animals, and children. Pictures, e-mail: notorious@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Fender Cyber-Twin SE Amplifier Some of the features it has are 2 12inch, 8 ohm GT100 Celestion speakers, 2 preamp tubes, 43 effects selections w/4-5 adjustable parameters each, 10 delay FX, 11 modulation FX, 3 special FX, 4 FX combinations, 14 new FX, 11 reverb types in excellent condition. Includes 2 foot switches, removable casters, original instruction manual and cover asking \$1000 Please call 509-343-0611, or emailjohn.brittany_cunningham@hotmail.com Used for recording for 1 year. http://guitars.musicians.com/product/Fender-Cyber-Twin-SE-Amp?sku=480867

Yokota, Japan - Guitar AMP - Fender Power Chorus 2x12 combo I am selling my guitar amp. A Fender Power Chorus 2x12 combo guitar amp & foot switch. This thing can get VERY loud, sounds beautiful, and is absolutely wonderful shape. Almost perfect except for a few surface scratches on the back (from being moved around). You would be lucky to find this for less than \$300 used, especially in Japan... but I am asking only \$200. For \$250 I will also throw in a black Epiphone SG (with soft case) that is in great condition as well (it just has some band stickers on it). I am living in Fussa, but will ship this to you in Japan via COD (you pay for shipping upon arrival) or to the US w/ USPS and to APO w/ MFS. This is a great amp! I just can't take it with me. Contact me ASAP. Please call Tony 080-5409-7204

Outdoor Living 775

Tokyo/Hardy Barracks - Just in time for Memorial Day! (2) Gas Grill tanks for sale. (1) Full (1) Empty. Full tank retails for -\$60 and refills \$25-30 on base. Selling both for \$30 firm. You pick up in Tokyo. Yoko 080-5053-5797.

Yokota - Charbroil Grill with Tank and Cover! Has side burner too. Works great; we're pusing and would like to let you buy our grill for \$85.00. E-mail rmngenuine@aol.com or call 6143584876.

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Yokota, Japan - FREE! adult male cat comes with automatic litter box and feeder. Deceased and fixed. Only serious responses please email Katie Vklund s n u g g l e b u n n y - 2700@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Free to a loving home: 3 year old male Dachs-hund. We are looking for a good home for our dog. He is a 3 year old Japanese Dachshund. He's been with our family since he was a puppy. He's neutered, great with other pets and loves PCSing to a base that only allows 2 pets per house and we have another dog and a cat. Please contact us 080-6545-9036 or email phorse.98@yahoo.com if you are interested in giving our sweet dog a forever home.

Zama/SHA - 1 1/2 yr old male MINIATURE Long-haired Dauschund. Great family dog, house trained, good with kids, very lovable. Shots up to date, micro-chipped. \$600 obo - Our son is allergic, so we need to find a new home. email bimdidog@yahoo.com for info.

Zama/SHA - 1 year old female English Bulldog for sale \$500 obo. JCK, microchipped, white and tan, house trained, good with kids. Contact: 267-6053 or 0 4 2 - 8 6 9 - 6 0 5 3 email:gizelle_m03@yahoo.com

Pet Accessories 822

Yokota, Japan - Dog Jogging Collar Jeep Brand Dog Jogging Stroller. Perfect for jogging while giving your pet some fresh air! Asking \$100 Please call 214-261-6361 or email mneely@armed-svc.com

Yokota, Japan - Kent marine iron & manganese 64oz brand new never opened, ordered extra great for saltwater tanks "not the actual picture" I have a bigger bottle 64oz Kent Marine Super Chelated Iron Supplement with Manganese provides bio-available iron to all reef inhabitants. Although present in salt mixes, iron is rapidly used up in the system, and removed through precipitation. Super Chelated Iron Supplement supplies needed iron, manganese, potassium and minor trace minerals for proper growth and health of corals, coralline, and other calcareous marine algae, and those invertebrates which have symbiotic algae living in their tissues. It contains a chelated form of iron which will stay available in the system for long periods of time, supplying algae in a time release fashion, as n Asking \$250 Please call (323) 338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Nikon 55-200 mm Telephoto Lens Nikon Telephoto lens. Fit all Nikon cameras using the AF-i or AF-S lens systems brand new only 1 month old. I need more focal length. Asking \$180 OBO Please call 850-254-9049 or email filam_dan@yahoo.com

Zama - B+W 72mm Slim Circular Polarizer filter. Excellent A+++ condition, only taken out for about 2 dozen test photos. Includes special filter cap and case. Asking price is \$75. Contact me at mahimah5.0@hotmail.com

Homes for Sale - US 864

SUMTER SOUTH CAROLINA - 1730 Sq ft, 3Br 2 bath, 2 car garage, Brick house on slab, fireplace, 0.76 acre lot. Newly remodeled, enclosed sunroom, central heat & AC, 134.9K, est yearly taxes \$740, 7 miles from Shaw AB. Call Agent Owned company or Jeff at 803-316-4003. http://www.agentowned.com/property_search.sbr/index.cfm?action=listing_detail&property_id=98775&searchkey=AC41488&ab4-1900-6850-7337bd15605&npp=10&s=1

Toys 945

Yokota - 20 inch tall Pooh Bear and Tiger stuffed toys. Soft and cuddle. Good Condition. Price is for both. For Pooh Bear lovers, young and old. Asking \$115.00. Call 1-904-229-0534

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota - Golf Club Set "Knight" Right Handed set #4 through Sand Wedge, Driving Iron and Driver. Asking \$45.00. E-mail rmngenuine@aol.com, call 6143584876.

Yokota, Japan - Ping Clong Golf clubs Right Handed set, regular steel shaft. 3-PW over size good start set. Set is in good conditions. Asking \$60 call Eduardo at 210-881-4403

Yokota, Japan - Taylor Made i7 CGB Max 10.5 Stiff Shaft (45g) Used gently for about 1/3 of a season. Haven't been able to play golf because of schedule, so have to sell. Originally bought for \$499 and that's not even including shipping (still have the receipt). Driver has interchangeable weight system for fade or draw bias. Shaft is super light (45g) for those explosive distance comes with head cover, and weight set. 10.5 degree stiff shaft selling for \$240 or best offer Please call Miggy! 080-5501-6602

Zama - Treadmill speed to 10 MPH, incline to 10%, Step Counter, Fan, tracks speed, time, distance, calories burned, pulse, heart rate, incline, pace, airsoft cushion deck, Fold Up New \$899, sell \$200 263-7194

Miscellaneous 1040

Atsugi - Wasabi green Chicco carseat for sale! Brand new! Never used. \$40 cash. Simple bronze metal dining set with four chairs, \$50 cash. Email mmpafm0177@yahoo.com. I can e-mail pictures!

Yokota, Japan - Black leather ballet shoes. New never been wear. Girls Size 2 asking \$10 Call 614-358-4889.


Yokota, Japan - Bloch pink leather ballet shoes. Girls split sole, leather with canvas instep ballet slipper. Elastics are sewed on to X shape. I have 3w and 3 1/2 w but it's really small, so kid's 13-1 1/2 new never been wear will fit good Paid @23.50 + S&H for each asking \$15 for each Call 614-358-4889.

Yokota, Japan - Girl's Capezio tap shoes Tapster for young girls in its lineup of quality! I have 4 pairs Size 12 1/2, 2, and 3 X2 Good conditions. Paid \$23 +S&H Asking for \$10 each or obo Call 614-358-4889

Yokota, Japan - Jon & Kate Plus Eight - DVD - Seasons 1, 2, unlike new Jon & Kate plus Eight Seasons 1 & 2, and Season 3 DVD packages. These cost about \$25 each new. Get it here for half-price! Asking \$25 Please call 813-200-9377 or email juddean@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Quickcut Grand Alphabet - Blossom Grand Alphabets, up to 3.75" tall! Each Revolution alphabet is packaged in an attractive Library Storage Binder, which holds 20 dies in EZ-Store Die Sheets and fits into a matching slipcase. Unique numbers, punctuation and ejection foam included. This set has never been used! Asking \$100 Please call Angela Stewart 214-261-6370

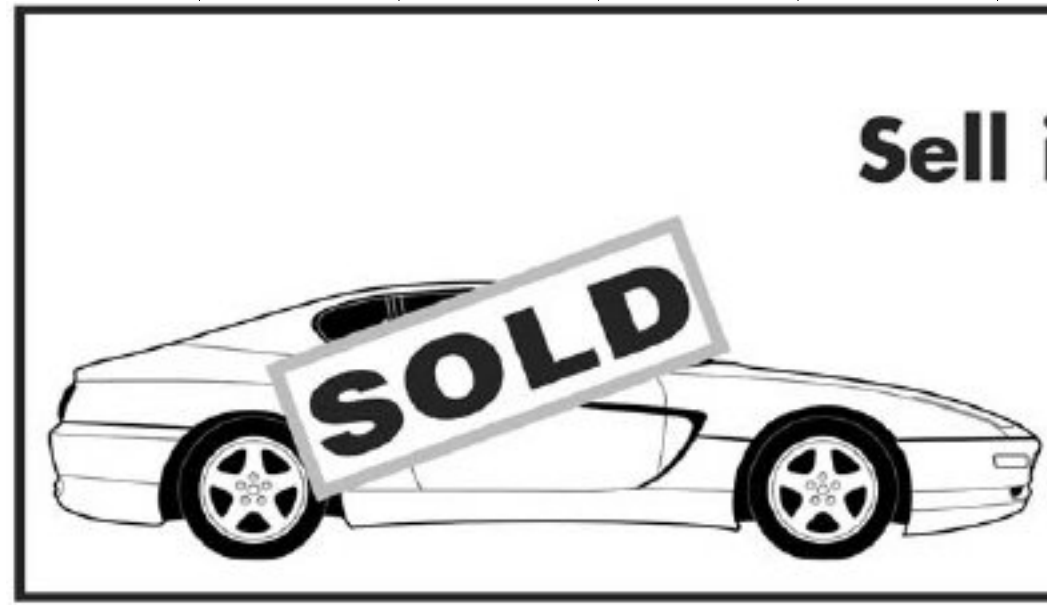
Yokota, Japan - Young Boys tapster shoes in its lineup of quality tap shoes size 2 1/2 W Just like new condition Paid \$26 +S&H Asking for \$15 Call 614-358-4889



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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Thursday
AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.—Tennis: French Open, Day 4.
AFN-Xtra, 8:30 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 5, Chicago at Detroit.
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 5, Denver at L.A. Lakers.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 5, Chicago at Detroit (dtd).
AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 5, Denver at L.A. Lakers (dtd).

Friday
AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.—Tennis: French Open, Day 5.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—MLB: Detroit at Baltimore.
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 5, Orlando at Cleveland.
AFN-Xtra, 11:30 a.m.—MLS: Chicago at CD Chivas USA.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs (dtd).
AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 5, Orlando at Cleveland (dtd).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard, (dtd) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro soccer

MLS									
Eastern Conference									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Chicago	4	0	6	18	17	11			
D.C.	3	1	7	16	17	15			
Toronto FC	4	3	4	16	16	16			
Kansas City	4	4	3	15	15	13			
New England	2	3	4	10	8	16			
Columbus	1	2	6	9	12	15			
New York	2	6	3	9	10	13			
Western Conference									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Chivas USA	7	1	3	24	15	6			
Seattle	4	2	4	16	14	8			
Houston	4	2	3	15	11	7			
Colorado	4	2	2	13	11	11			
Real Salt Lake	3	5	2	11	14	13			
Los Angeles	1	1	8	11	12	12			
FC Dallas	1	6	3	6	9	17			
San Jose	1	6	2	5	9	19			

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Saturday's games
Toronto FC 3, New England 1
D.C. United 0, Real Salt Lake 0, tie
Kansas City 1, Chivas USA 1, tie
FC Dallas 1, Los Angeles 1, tie
Houston 3, San Jose 1
Colorado 2, Seattle FC 2, tie
Sunday's game
Chicago 1, New York 0
Wednesday's game
San Jose at Columbus
Thursday's game
Chicago at Chivas USA
Saturday, May 30
Colorado at New York
D.C. United at New England
Toronto FC at Houston
Columbus at Seattle FC
Kansas City at Los Angeles
Real Salt Lake at San Jose
Sunday, May 31
FC Dallas at Chicago

WPS									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Los Angeles	5	1	2	17	9	2			
Boston	3	2	2	11	9	9			
FC Gold Pride	3	4	1	10	8	10			
Washington	2	2	3	9	12	14			
Saint Louis	2	2	2	8	6	6			
Chicago	2	3	2	8	6	6			
Sky Blue FC	1	4	2	5	4	7			

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Saturday's games
Washington 2, Sky Blue FC 1
Saint Louis 2, Chicago 0
Sunday's game
Los Angeles 2, FC Gold Pride 0
Saturday, May 30
Saint Louis at Los Angeles
Sunday, May 31
FC Gold Pride at Washington
Boston at Sky Blue FC

AP spotlight

May 28
1901 — Parader, ridden by Fred Landry, overcomes a bad start to win the Preakness Stakes by two lengths over Sadie S.
1904 — Bryn Mawr, ridden by Eugene Hildebrand, wins the Preakness Stakes by one length over Wotan.
1946 — The Washington Senators beat New York 2-1 in the first night game at Yankee Stadium.
1956 — Dale Long of the Pittsburgh Pirates hits a home run in his eighth consecutive game for a major league record. Long connects off Brooklyn's Carl Erskine at Forbes Field.
1978 — Al Unser wins his third Indianapolis 500, the fifth driver to do so, edging Tom Sneva by 8.19 seconds.
1985 — The San Diego Sockers beat the Baltimore Blast 3-0 to win the MISL title in five games.

Tennis

French Open
Tuesday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: \$21.8 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round
Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, def. Michael Llodra, France, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.
Marc Gicquel, France, def. Rainer Schuettler (27), Germany, 6-0, 6-0, 6-4.
Andreas Beck, Germany, def. Ivan Navarro, Spain, 7-6 (9), 6-4, 6-1.
Victor Crivoi, Romania, def. Simon Greul, Germany, 6-1, 7-6 (1), 6-2.
Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, def. Evgeny Korolev, Russia, 6-4, retired.
Gael Monfils (11), France, def. Bobby Reynolds, United States, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.
Novak Djokovic (4), Serbia, def. Nicolas Lapentti, Ecuador, 6-3, 3-1, retired.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (29), Germany, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Lukas Kubot, Poland, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3.
Tommy Robredo (16), Spain, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (29), Germany, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Lukas Kubot, Poland, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3.
Tommy Robredo (16), Spain, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
Mardy Fish (22), United States, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Brian Dabul, Argentina, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (9), France, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Andrei Pavel, Romania, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
Leonard Mayer, Argentina, def. James Blake (15), United States, 7-6 (6), 7-5, 6-2.
Christophe Rochus, Belgium, leads Fabrice Santoro, France, 6-3, 6-1, 3-6, 5-3, susp., darkness.
Dmitry Tursunov (21), Russia, vs. Arnaud Clement, France, 3-6, 6-3, susp., darkness.

Women
First Round
Jelena Jankovic (5), Serbia, def. Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (7), Russia, def. Claire Feuerstein, France, 6-1, 6-4.
Sibylla Bammer (28), Austria, def. Nathalie Dechy, France, 6-3, 7-6 (1).
Melinda Cizink, Hungary, def. Anastasia Sevastova, Latvia, 6-4, 6-1.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Mara Santangelo, Italy, 6-4, 6-2.
Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Sania Mirza, India, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-1, 2-6, 8-6.
Aleksandra Wozniak (24), Canada, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.
Caroline Wozniacki (10), Denmark, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, def. Nicole Pietrangeli, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3.
Serena Williams (3), United States, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-4.
Elena Dementieva (4), Russia, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-4, 6-3.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.
Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Karolina Sprem, Croatia, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Sorana Dinicu, Romania, def. Carly Gullickson, United States, 6-4, 6-2.
Samantha Stosur (30), Australia, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-4, 6-2.
Viktoria Kuznetsov, Ukraine, def. Zuzana Ondrasikova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Anabel Medina Garrigues (18), Spain, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-0.
Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, def. Peng Shuai (31), China, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Alize Cornet (21), France, leads Maret Ani, Estonia, 6-4, 4-4, susp., darkness.

Boxing

Fight schedule
June 6
At Bally's, Atlantic City, Mike Jones, Philadelphia, vs. Larry Mosley, Los Angeles, 12, for the NABA welterweight title.

Tank McNAMARA



Deals

Monday's transactions
BASEBALL
American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Activated OF Vladimir Guerrero from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Reggie Willits to Salt Lake (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed RHP Brian Bruney on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 20.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Signed manager Joe Maddon to a three-year contract extension through 2012. Placed 2B Akinori Iwamura and LHP Brian Shouse on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP David Price from Durham (IL). Transferred OF Fernando Perez to the 60-day DL. Purchased the contract of LHP Randy Choate from Durham.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Purchased the contract of RHP Josh Fogg from Colorado Springs (PCL). Designated RHP Matt Belisle for assignment.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed LHP Ronyel Pinto on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Cristhian Martinez from Jacksonville (SL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Purchased the contract of OF Frank Catalanotto from Huntsville (SL). Optioned LHP R.J. Swindle to Nashville (PCL).
BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO MONARCHS—Waived F-C Barbara Farris.
FOOTBALL
Canadian Football League
MONTREAL ALOUETTES—Signed S Doug Golsby, WR David James, WR Kevin Marion, LB Billy Parker, CB Tim Sims and CB Jamarine Winborne.
SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS—Announced the retirement of OL Andrew Greene.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Fined Chicago coach Joel Quenneville \$10,000 for public comments critical of League officiating following the May 24 game against Detroit.
HORSE RACING
ARLINGTON PARK—Suspended jockey Jamie Theriot 30 days for careless riding.

College softball

NCAA tournament
SUPER REGIONALS
(Best-of-three)
Second team listed is home team
At UGA Softball Stadium
Athens, Ga.
Georgia 6, Ohio State 4
Georgia 7, Ohio State 6, Georgia advances
At Boyd & Jill Smith Family Stadium
Stanford, Calif.
Stanford 6, Arizona 4
Arizona 7, Stanford 3
Arizona 6, Stanford 5, Arizona advances
At Alabama Softball Complex
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Alabama 9, Jacksonville State 0, 5 innings
Alabama 9, Jacksonville State 0, 5 innings, Alabama advances
At Wilpon Softball Complex
Ann Arbor, Mich.
Michigan 8, Baylor 1
Michigan 7, Baylor 1, Michigan advances
At Alberta B. Farington Softball Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Arizona State 3, North Dakota State 0
Arizona State 11, North Dakota State 0, 5 innings, Arizona State advances
At Shirley Clements Newborn Field
Atlanta
Washington 7, Georgia Tech 1
Washington 7, Georgia Tech 0, Washington advances
At Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium
Gainesville, Fla.
Florida 2, California 0
Florida 2, California 1, Florida advances
At Easton Stadium
Los Angeles
Missouri 2, UCLA 1
UCLA 5, Missouri 2
Missouri 9, UCLA 1, Missouri advances
WORLD SERIES
At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium
Oklahoma City
May 28-June 3

College baseball

NCAA Division II tournament
At USA Baseball National Training Complex
Cary, N.C.
Double Elimination
Saturday, May 23
Mesa State 7, Belmont Abbey 2
Emporia State 3, Grand Valley State 0
Sunday, May 24
Dowling 3, UC San Diego 1
Lynn 7, West Chester 3
Monday, May 25
Belmont Abbey 5, Grand Valley State 4, Grand Valley eliminated
Emporia State 5, Mesa State 2
Saturday, May 26
Game 7 — UC San Diego (39-14) vs. West Chester (46-11)
Game 8 — Dowling (35-16) vs. Lynn (43-16)
Wednesday, May 27
Game 9 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser
Game 10 — Belmont Abbey (39-25) vs. Mesa State (44-14)
Thursday, May 28
Game 11 — Emporia State (48-13) vs. Game 9 winner
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner
Friday, May 29
Game 13 — Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 loser, if necessary
Game 14 — Game 12 winner vs. Game 12 loser, if necessary
Saturday, May 30
Championship
Game 15 — Game 11 or 13 winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner

NCAA Division III tournament

At Fox Cities Stadium
Appleton, Wis.
Double Elimination
Friday, May 22
Wooster 8, Carthage 1
Kean 8, Trinity, Conn. 5
Shenandoah 12, Farmingdale State 2
St. Thomas, Minn. 9, Chapman 1
Saturday, May 23
Carthage 10, Trinity, Conn. 1, Trinity, Conn. eliminated
Chapman 4, Farmingdale State 2, Farmingdale State eliminated
Wooster 14, Kean 1
St. Thomas, Minn. 16, Shenandoah 5
Sunday, May 24
Chapman 7, Kean 5, Kean eliminated
Carthage 9, Shenandoah 8, 11 innings, Shenandoah eliminated
Wooster 3, St. Thomas, Minn. 0
Monday, May 25
St. Thomas, Minn. 3, Carthage 1, Carthage eliminated
Wooster 11, Chapman 7, Chapman eliminated
Tuesday, May 26
St. Thomas, Minn. 6, Wooster 4
St. Thomas, Minn. (40-13), vs. Wooster (43-10)

College lacrosse

NCAA men's Division I tournament
First Round
Saturday, May 9
Johns Hopkins 12, Brown 11, OT
North Carolina 15, UMBC 13
Cornell 11, Hofstra 8
Duke 14, Navy 5
Sunday, May 10
Maryland 7, Notre Dame 3
Virginia 18, Villanova 6
Princeton 10, Massachusetts 7
Syracuse 11, Siena 4
Quarterfinals
Saturday, May 16
At Hempstead, N.Y.
Syracuse 11, Maryland 6
Cornell 6, Princeton 4
Sunday, May 17
At Annapolis, Md.
Virginia 19, Johns Hopkins 8
Duke 12, North Carolina 11
At Gillette Stadium
Foxborough, Mass.
Semifinals
Saturday, May 23
Syracuse 17, Duke 7
Cornell 15, Virginia 6
Championship
Monday, May 25
Syracuse 10, Cornell 9, OT

Auto racing

Coca-Cola 600
NASCAR-Sprint Cup
Monday
At Lowe's Motor Speedway
Concord, N.C.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (21) Dale Reutimann, Toyota, 227 laps, 101.3 rating, 190 points, \$403,998.
2. (1) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 227, 91.1, 175, \$326,754.
3. (37) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 227, 65.4, 170, \$208,985.
4. (19) Carl Edwards, Ford, 227, 104, 160, \$207,531.
5. (8) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 227, 121.6, 160, \$177,898.
6. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 227, 139.4, 160, \$200,198.
7. (6) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 227, 115.2, 146, \$159,998.
8. (9) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 227, 106.2, 142, \$151,773.
9. (14) Joey Logano, Toyota, 227, 106, 143, \$163,351.
10. (30) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 227, 94.1, 134, \$160,965.
11. (13) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 227, 95.7, 130, \$122,655.
12. (20) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 227, 76.9, 127, \$135,429.
13. (5) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 227, 112.7, 129, \$158,751.
14. (3) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 227, 82.9, 121, \$145,951.
15. (10) Bill Elliott, Ford, 227, 68, 118, \$106,000.
16. (26) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 227, 76, 115, \$121,610.
17. (4) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 227, 89, 112, \$111,785.
18. (18) Scott Speed, Toyota, 227, 69.2, 109, \$116,648.
19. (28) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 227, 84.9, 106, \$109,973.
20. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 227, 76.4, 103, \$116,175.
21. (33) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 227, 76.8, 100, \$105,050.
22. (35) David Stremme, Dodge, 227, 60.9, 97, \$128,615.
23. (12) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 227, 73.8, 94, \$131,140.
24. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 227, 61.1, 91, \$102,325.
25. (40) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 227, 61.2, 88, \$137,731.
26. (23) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 227, 58, 85, \$104,898.
27. (29) David Gilliland, Chevrolet, 227, 67.4, 82, \$99,200.
28. (25) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 226, 54.6, 84, \$91,175.
29. (31) Paul Menard, Ford, 226, 53.4, 76, \$121,956.
30. (39) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 226, 37.7, 78, \$99,925.
31. (15) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 226, 49.3, 70, \$98,775.
32. (18) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, 226, 46.6, 67, \$88,150.
33. (36) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 226, 41.6, 64, \$106,975.
34. (17) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 226, 84.1, 61, \$106,900.
35. (42) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 226, 39.5, 58, \$125,101.
36. (24) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 226, 40.6, 55, \$95,625.
37. (11) Joe Nemecek, Toyota, 226, 41.4, 52, \$87,400.
38. (43) Scott Riggs, Toyota, 225, 31.4, 54, \$87,285.
39. (41) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 225, 31.3, 46, \$95,175.
40. (27) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 225, 32.7, 43, \$105,065.
41. (22) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 224, 31.5, 40, \$124,283.
42. (32) Max Papis, Toyota, 219, 26.6, 37, \$86,850.
43. (7) Mike Bliss, Dodge, vibration, 42, 24.4, 34, \$87,817.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 120.899 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 48 minutes, 59 seconds.
Margin of Victory: Under Caution.
Caution Flags: 6 for 40 laps.
Lap Changes: 14 among 10 drivers.
Lead Leaders: R.Newman 1-2; Ky.Busch 3-42; J.Johnson 43-48; Ky.Busch 49-72; R.Gordon 73; M.Waltrip 74; S.Riggs 75-77; Ky.Busch 78-119; B.Vickers 120-130; J.Logano 131-133; Ky.Busch 134-144; B.Vickers 145-166; Ky.Busch 167-222; D.Reutimann 223-227.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): Ky.Busch, 5 times for 173 laps; B.Vickers, 2 times for 33 laps; J.Johnson, 1 time for 6 laps; D.Reutimann, 1 time for 5 laps; S.Riggs, 1 time for 3 laps; R.Newman, 1 time for 2 laps; D.Blaney, 1 time for 2 laps; R.Gordon, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Logano, 1 time for 1 lap; M.Waltrip, 1 time for 1 lap.
Top 12 in Points: 1. J.Gordon, 1,722; 2. T.Stewart, 1,678; 3. Ku.Busch, 1,607; 4. J.Johnson, 1,594; 5. D.Hamlin, 1,575; 6. Ky.Busch, 1,540; 7. R.Newman, 1,538; 8. J.Burton, 1,472; 9. M.Kenseth, 1,460; 10. G.Biffle, 1,448; 11. C.Edwards, 1,431; 12. M.Martin, 1,428.
NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

French Open

Serena struggles into the second round

Grand Slam rookie ousts No. 15 Blake

By CHRIS LEHOURITES
The Associated Press

PARIS — Serena Williams struggled to close her match at a windy French Open on Tuesday, wasting eight match points before finally beating Klara Zakopalova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-4.

The second-seeded Williams was broken twice during the second set, including when she was serving for the match at 5-4. At 5-3 with Zakopalova serving, she had five match points but couldn't end it.

Zakopalova saved three more match points before holding to 5-3 in the third set, then broke Williams in the next game to get back on serve.

"I think Serena will be playing better and better each round, so it was the best chance to at least play with her or beat her," Zakopalova said. "She's Serena."

Williams completed her Serena Slam at the French Open in 2002, winning her fourth straight Grand Slam title. If she wins at Roland Garros this year, she'll have won three majors in a row after victories at the U.S. Open and the Australian Open. She reached the final at Wimbledon last year, but lost to big sister Venus in the final.

Third-seeded Jelena Jankovic, No. 4 Elena Dementieva and No. 7 Svetlana Kuznetsova also advanced among the women, while No. 4 Novak Djokovic, No. 5 Juan Martin del Potro, No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and 2003 French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero made it through on the men's side.

American James Blake wasn't



LIONEL CIRONNEAU/AP

Serena Williams reacts as she plays Klara Zakopalova during the first round of the French Open at Roland Garros stadium in Paris on Tuesday. The second-seeded Williams won 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-4.

so lucky. The No. 15 seed lost to Argentinian qualifier Leonardo Mayer 2-6, 6-7 (6), 7-5. It is Mayer's first time in a Grand Slam tournament.

Blake has never been past the third round at Roland Garros. The American made more than twice as many unforced errors as Mayer.

Jankovic dominated her opponent before a 2-hour rain delay, and then did well enough after it to beat Petra Cetkovska of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-3.

The Serb, once ranked No. 1, was leading 4-1 when the rain started at Roland Garros. She quickly completed the first set when play resumed and continued to play well on Cetkovska's serve in the second but was broken twice on her own.

"I was controlling the points ... but then we had to stop because of the rain," Jankovic said. "I felt a little bit slow after the rain delay."

While serving for the match, Jankovic again struggled and was forced to save break points before finally winning.

"The serve was all right. I didn't go for too much," said Jankovic, who added the balls were heavier than usual because of the wet weather. "I just tried to have a high percentage."

Jankovic finished last season as the top-ranked player on the women's tour, but the 24-year-old Serb is still looking to win her first Grand Slam singles title after losing in the final of last year's U.S. Open.

Kuznetsova defeated Claire Feuerstein of France 6-1, 6-4. The 2004 U.S. Open champion also dominated before the rain started falling, leading 5-1.

Djokovic advanced when Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador retired while trailing 6-3, 3-1 after injuring his left ankle. Lapentti hurt

his ankle when coming to net at 5-2 in the first set. He called for a trainer but then continued playing.

The fourth-seeded Djokovic,

who won his fourth career title on clay at this month's Serbia Open, has reached the semifinals at the French Open the last two years. He also won the 2008 Australian

Open.

Del Potro had little trouble in his opening match at Roland Garros, beating Michael Llodra of France 6-3, 6-3, 6-1. The Argentine won four straight ATP titles last year, the first two on clay.

No. 27 Rainer Schuettler of Germany narrowly avoided a "triple bagel" after being shut out in the first two sets of a 6-0, 6-0, 6-4 loss to Marc Gicquel of France.

On Friday, Schuettler lost to Robin Soderling 6-0, 6-0 at the ATP World Team Championship in Germany.

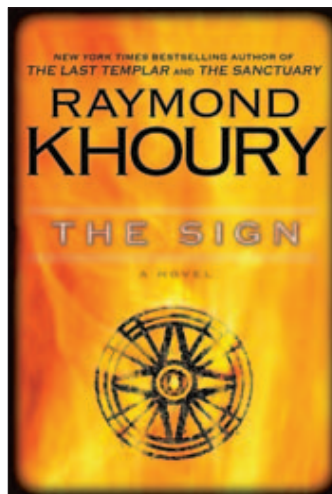
"A 'double bagel' is fine," said Schuettler, who reached the semifinals at last year's Wimbledon. "I had one last week. It's nothing new."

Gicquel was unapologetic about the thrashing.

"I didn't come here to sympathize," said the Frenchman, who was trying to win the third set at love as well. "If I tried to give him one or two games, then everything could be overturned against me."

No. 11 Gael Monfils of France also advanced, easily beating Bobby Reynolds of the United States 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 despite a knee injury.

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LAURENT REBOURS/AP

France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga reacts as he defeats compatriot Julien Benneteau 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in their first-round match at the French Open in Paris on Tuesday.

WWE boss mocks Nuggets owner in televised 'Raw' skit

McMahon shoves phony Kroenke over move of Denver wrestling card

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Vince McMahon got his takedown of Denver Nuggets owner Stan Kroenke on the WWE television show Monday night.

Sort of. During the World Wrestling Entertainment's "Monday Night Raw" show, McMahon shoved a mock Kroenke to the mat and the faux Kroenke fell out of the ring at the Staples Center. The wrestling card was switched from the Pepsi Center last week to Los Angeles because of Game 4 of the Lakers-Nuggets series being played in Denver. Originally, the date was held by the WWE.

In the TV skit, the counterfeit Kroenke, microphone in hand, sauntered toward the ring with a basketball under his arm. He handed the ball to an equally fake Lakers owner Jerry Buss, who was standing next to a phony David Stern and Jack Nicholson.

The imitation Kroenke then announced that he is "the owner of the soon-to-be NBA champion Denver Nuggets. And I cannot stand the WWE or its fans, for that matter."

"Do you think that I care that I screwed thousands of WWE fans? I do not. I have much more important things to do with my team than worry about you people."

McMahon then entered the fray, ambuling into the ring and telling the pretend Kroenke, "None of this had to happen. All you had to do was pick up the phone, say 'I didn't think my team would make the playoffs, I screwed up.'"

Seconds later, McMahon shoved "Kroenke" after warning him, "When you push the WWE universe, they push back."

The finale featured five-man tag teams wearing Nuggets and Lakers jerseys. The Lakers won, eliciting loud cheers from the Staples Center crowd.

Cast: Nuggets' Smith rediscovers his shot

CAST, FROM BACK PAGE

"But you just gotta push through it," Bryant said. "They played harder and better, period."

And that was with the ailing Anthony.

"It just shows we have heart and can play with a man down," Smith said.

Smith ignited the Nuggets by rediscovering his outside shot. After going 4-for-15 from the field in Game 3, his confidence was reeling. So Smith stayed late after practice on Sunday, firing up one jumper after another.

"I think it worked," said the smiling Smith, who hit back-to-back three-pointers late in the game to help snuff out a final Lakers charge.

Nuggets coach George Karl never lost faith in Smith.

"I think his talent and his skill is flamboyant, explosive," Karl said. "It makes us a very explosive team."

Pau Gasol, frustrated by a lack of touches, knows how the Lakers can be more explosive — by dumping the ball into the paint more often.

"I wish we would take more advantage of our inside game, because it's pretty effective," said Gasol, who finished with 21 points on 8-for-11 shooting. "It's unfortunate we don't recognize it enough."

Yet he holds out hope.

"It's got to be a team-conscious effort and mindset," Gasol said. "We always have a better chance when we establish ourselves inside."

The Nuggets had seven players score in double figures, including Kenyon Martin and Nene who each had a double-double. Chris "Birdman" Andersen provided a boost off the bench, grabbing 14 boards for the Nuggets, who out-rebounded the Lakers 58-40.

"We got hammered from every direction tonight," Lakers forward Luke Walton said.

Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson was none too pleased about that.

He was particularly upset about Dahntay Jones' trip of Bryant in the third quarter, calling it unsportsmanlike.

Jones didn't give the assertion a moment's thought. Jackson becomes the latest coach to label Jones a dirty player during the playoffs, joining Byron Scott of the Hornets, who said the same thing in the first round.

"Just playing hard," Jones said. "If he can't respect it, I'm sorry. I'm trying to be aggressive and give it all I have out there. My teammates appreciate it."

Anthony certainly does. "Dahntay is Dahntay," Anthony said. "That's what he's been doing."

NBA scoreboard

Playoffs

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland 4, Detroit 0
Cleveland 102, Detroit 84
Cleveland 94, Detroit 82
Cleveland 79, Detroit 68
Cleveland 99, Detroit 78

Boston 4, Chicago 3
Chicago 105, Boston 103, OT
Boston 118, Chicago 115
Boston 107, Chicago 86
Chicago 121, Boston 118, 2OT
Boston 106, Chicago 104, OT
Chicago 128, Boston 127, 3OT
Boston 109, Chicago 99

Orlando 4, Philadelphia 2
Philadelphia 100, Orlando 98
Orlando 96, Philadelphia 87
Philadelphia 96, Orlando 94
Orlando 84, Philadelphia 81
Orlando 91, Philadelphia 78
Orlando 114, Philadelphia 89

Atlanta 4, Miami 3
Atlanta 90, Miami 64
Miami 108, Atlanta 93
Miami 107, Atlanta 78
Atlanta 81, Miami 71
Atlanta 106, Miami 91
Miami 98, Atlanta 72
Atlanta 91, Miami 78

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. Lakers 4, Utah 1
L.A. Lakers 113, Utah 100
L.A. Lakers 119, Utah 109
Utah 88, L.A. Lakers 86
L.A. Lakers 108, Utah 94
L.A. Lakers 107, Utah 96

Denver 4, New Orleans 1
Denver 113, New Orleans 83
Denver 108, New Orleans 93
New Orleans 95, Denver 93
Denver 121, New Orleans 63
Denver 107, New Orleans 86

Dallas 4, San Antonio 1
Dallas 105, San Antonio 97
San Antonio 105, Dallas 84
Dallas 88, San Antonio 67
Dallas 99, San Antonio 90
Dallas 106, San Antonio 93

Houston 4, Portland 2
Houston 108, Portland 81
Portland 107, Houston 103
Houston 86, Portland 83
Houston 89, Portland 88
Portland 88, Houston 77
Houston 92, Portland 81

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland 4, Atlanta 0
Cleveland 99, Atlanta 72
Cleveland 105, Atlanta 85
Cleveland 97, Atlanta 82
Cleveland 84, Atlanta 74

Orlando 4, Boston 3
Orlando 95, Boston 90
Boston 112, Orlando 94
Orlando 117, Boston 86
Boston 95, Orlando 94
Boston 92, Orlando 88
Orlando 83, Boston 75
Orlando 101, Boston 82

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. Lakers 4, Houston 3
Houston 100, L.A. Lakers 92
L.A. Lakers 111, Houston 98
L.A. Lakers 108, Houston 94
Houston 99, L.A. Lakers 87
L.A. Lakers 118, Houston 78
Houston 95, L.A. Lakers 80
L.A. Lakers 103, Houston 70

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland vs. Orlando
Orlando 107, Cleveland 106
Cleveland 96, Orlando 95
Sunday: Orlando 99, Cleveland 89, Orlando leads series 2-1

Tuesday: Cleveland at Orlando
Thursday: Orlando at Cleveland
Saturday: Cleveland at Orlando*
Monday, June 1: Orlando at Cleveland

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. Lakers vs. Denver
L.A. Lakers 105, Denver 103
Denver 106, L.A. Lakers 103
L.A. Lakers 103, Denver 97
Monday: Denver 120, L.A. Lakers 101
Series tied 2-2

Wednesday: Denver at L.A. Lakers
Friday: L.A. Lakers at Denver
Sunday: Denver at L.A. Lakers*
*—if necessary

Monday

Nuggets 120, Lakers 101

L.A. LAKERS — Ariza 1-4 0-2 3, Gasol 8-11 5-7 2-1, Bynum 7-22 1-14, Fisher 2-0 0-5, Bryant 10-26 12-13 3-4, Odom 1-8 2-4 5, Walton 0-2 0-0 0, Brown 1-4 1-2 3, Vujacic 2-4 0-1 6, Farmer 3-7 2-3 10, Powell 0-1 0-0 0, Mbenga 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-82 24-35 101.

DENVER — Anthony 3-16 9-11 15, Martin 5-11 3-4 13, Nene 5-8 1-4, Billups 7-16 9-24, Jones 3-5 6-6 12, Smith 9-17 2-6 24, Andersen 2-4 2-4 6, Kleiza 3-5 2-2 10, Carter 1-1 0-2 0, Balkman 0-2 0-0 0, Petro 0-1 0-0 0, Hart 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-86 37-49 120.

Lakers 19 26 21 35 —101
Denver 22 30 25 43 —120

Three-Point Goals — Lakers 9-31 (Vujacic 2-4, Farmer 2-5, Bryant 2-10, Odom 1-2, Ariza 1-3, Fisher 1-5, Brown 0-1, Walton 0-1), Denver 7-24 (Smith 4-9, Kleiza 2-3, Billups 1-6, Jones 0-1, Martin 0-1, Andersen 0-1, Anthony 0-3). Fouled Out — Walter Rife (L.A. Lakers 51) (Gasol 10), Denver 68 (Martin 15). Assists — L.A. Lakers 19 (Bryant, Walton 5), Denver 23 (Nene 6). Total Fouls — L.A. Lakers 31, Denver 24. Technicals — Walton, Anthony, Martin, Smith. Flagrant Fouls — Bynum. A-20,037 (19,155).

NCAA baseball tournament

Gwynn relieved to have Aztecs back in the field

After sweating it out, San Diego St. earns its first appearance since 1991

By BERNIE WILSON

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Finally, Tony Gwynn could exhale.

After enduring two long nights and spending hour after hour on his computer keeping track of college baseball tournaments across the country, Gwynn and his San Diego State Aztecs got the news Monday morning that they were indeed going to the NCAA regionals.

"The fact that we got in — big relief," the Hall of Famer said after watching the selection show with his team. "It was like, 'All right, we're in, so let's focus in on the baseball now.'"

"We're very excited about being in."

SDSU and its ace right-hander, Stephen Strasburg, will play ACC champion Virginia on Friday at Irvine, Calif., followed by defending national champion Fresno State against UC Irvine, which is ranked No. 1 in most polls.

Gwynn had already been through emotional extremes in the previous 72 hours. The former Padres star was thrilled to be able to break the news to his son, Tony Jr., that he'd been acquired by San Diego on Thursday. Hours later, the Aztecs rallied for eight runs in the eighth inning to beat Utah 9-8 and reach the championship round of the Mountain West Conference tournament.

Then came a double bummer, losses to Utah on Friday and Saturday that forced the Aztecs to wait until Monday morning to find out if they would play on.

Gwynn figured SDSU (40-21) had a chance of getting a postseason berth but also knew that the Mountain West had never gotten more than one team in. It ended up getting three — TCU, which is hosting a regional; Utah, which won the conference tournament as the No. 6 seed; and SDSU.

It's taken Gwynn seven seasons in his dream job to get his alma mater back to the NCAA regionals. Their last postseason appearance was in 1991, when he was halfway through his 20-season career with the Padres.

Gwynn got the SDSU job even before he was finished with his Padres career. The school announced in September 2001 that Gwynn — who was a baseball and basketball star during his SDSU career — would replace retiring Jim Dietz starting with the 2003 season. Gwynn showed up on campus the morning after his last game in the big leagues and spent the 2002 season as a volunteer

assistant.

Gwynn doesn't necessarily think this berth validates what he's done.

"I don't know about validation, it's just about time," Gwynn said. "I think people are saying, 'Yeah, it's about time, you've been there seven years.' We finally got here. This is where we've wanted to go the whole time."

"I said that at the beginning of the year — we've got to climb this mountain. We've been climbing, climbing, climbing; almost get to the top and slide back down. This year we've finally gotten to it, and so now, let's keep going. Let's see how far we can go."

Gwynn admitted the previous two nights were rough. All the Aztecs needed was one victory against Utah to clinch the Mountain West's automatic berth.

Gwynn said he spent more time on his computer during the week-end than ever before, trying to figure out how the NCAA bracket would sketch out.

"I still felt like we were going to get in," he said.

Gwynn said the Aztecs probably will start Strasburg in the opener on Friday. Strasburg, the likely No. 1 overall draft pick, is 13-0 with a 1.24 ERA. He no-hit Air Force in his last home start.

There was no question Strasburg was a factor in the Aztecs getting the berth, Gwynn said.

"Best player in the country, people want to see him," the coach said. "That's kind of like our ace in the hole. You want it to be on merit. We won 40 games. There aren't many teams in this field that won 40 games. We felt like we were worthy. Having the best player in the country didn't hurt. It worked out. We're in."

Gwynn is OK with a No. 3 seed in a tough bracket.

"It's another opportunity," he said. "It's a very competitive bracket. We've got the defending national champion, the ACC tournament champion, UC Irvine, and us. We're getting a lot of pub, too. It should be good. It should be interesting. It's close enough where our fans can come watch us play, too. So we're excited."

Gwynn's phone rang while he was talking to reporters at Tony Gwynn Stadium. It was his pitching coach, Rusty Fliter.

"Between the eight-run eighth and Anthony getting traded to the Padres, and now making it to the regionals, I've never gotten as many text messages and phone calls as I have in the last week," Gwynn said. "It's been a great week."

Red Wings looking to end series

Detroit one victory from Cup finals

BY LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Red Wings had 3-1 series leads twice in the playoffs last year and failed to advance on home ice either time.

Detroit did, though, beat the Pittsburgh Penguins to win the Stanley Cup after eliminating the Dallas Stars. Both series ended in Game 6 on the road.

The defending champions would like to make things a little easier on themselves Wednesday night against the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals.

"You want to finish it as soon as you can," Detroit defenseman Brian Rafalski said Monday, a day after the Red Wings beat Chicago 6-1 in Game 4. "Obviously, we have some banged-up bodies.

"We want to get them healthy, and the best way to do that is to finish it as soon as you can."

MVP finalist Pavel Datsyuk (foot) has missed two games, six-time Norris Trophy-winning defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom (lower body injury) was a surprise scratch Sunday, and four-time Cup-winning forward Kris Draper (lower body) missed Game 4, too.

Detroit coach Mike Babcock said he hopes Datsyuk and Lidstrom will be back on the ice Wednesday, but ruled out Draper for Game 5.

Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood said the team doctor kept him out of the third period Sunday because of cramps, but insisted he felt "great" on Monday.

"If it had been a closer game, I would have stayed in for sure," Osgood said.

On the brink of elimination, the Blackhawks are also banged up.

Goalie Nikolai Khabibulin (lower body) hasn't played since the second period of Game 4, which Chicago won in overtime, and the team's leading scorer, Martin Havlat, left the ice in two straight games after getting checked hard.

Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said the status for both players will become more clear Tuesday.

If Havlat is hesitant to step back on the ice before becoming a free agent this summer, it'll be understandable. He was hit by defenseman Niklas Kronwall in the first period of Game 3 and by defenseman Brad Stuart in the middle of Game 4.

"The physicality of Stuart and Kronwall is so important for our success at playoff time," Babcock said.

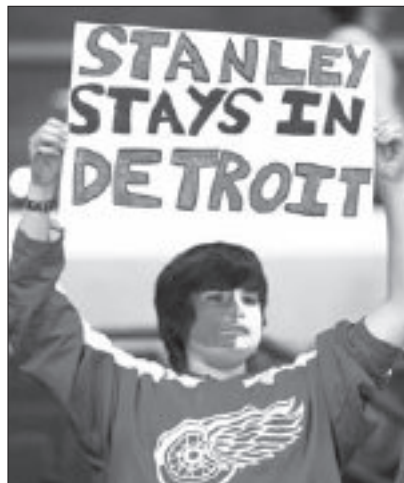
Rafalski said Kronwall's open-ice checks remind him of the ones dished out by former New Jersey Devils teammate Scott Stevens. Kronwall was given a major penalty and was ejected from Game 3 for his shot on Havlat.

"He's not as big as Scotty, but he still delivers," Rafalski said.

Quenneville delivered the line of the day after Game 4, saying, "I think we witnessed probably the worst call in the history of sports there," after a roughing penalty on Matt Walker led to Detroit taking a 3-0 lead in the second period.

"Well, I wasn't happy after the game," said Quenneville, trying to distance himself from his comments. "I already voiced my displeasure.

"We have to face the Wednesday challenge.



PAUL BEATY/AP

Detroit fan Max Bean holds up a sign after the Red Wings beat Chicago 6-1 in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals Sunday. Detroit leads the best-of-seven series 3-1 and can end it by winning Game 5 at home.

We got to be smart how we go into the next game and play our game and play it hard between the whistles."

Quenneville was fined \$10,000 by the NHL on Monday for his remarks.

Babcock said the key for the Red Wings is to realize they have done nothing yet.

"As soon as you let up for one second, and the other team gets more focused, then they beat you," he said. "Last year was a great example, we lost two Game 5s at home that, in the end, could have cost us the series."

NHL scoreboard

Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina vs. Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh 3, Carolina 2
Pittsburgh 7, Carolina 4
Pittsburgh 6, Carolina 2, Pittsburgh leads series 3-0

Tuesday: Pittsburgh at Carolina

Friday: Carolina at Pittsburgh*

Sunday: Pittsburgh at Carolina*

Tuesday, June 2: Carolina at Pittsburgh*

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago vs. Detroit

Detroit 5, Chicago 2
Detroit 3, Chicago 2, OT
Chicago 4, Detroit 3, OT

Detroit 6, Chicago 1, Detroit leads series 3-1

Wednesday: Chicago at Detroit

Saturday: Detroit at Chicago*

Monday: Chicago at Detroit*

* — if necessary

Playoff scoring leaders

Through May 24

	GP	G	A	PTS
Malkin, Pit	16	12	16	28
Crosby, Pit	16	14	12	26
Ovechkin, Was	14	11	10	21
Franzen, Det	15	10	9	19
Zetterberg, Det	15	9	9	18
Getzlaf, Ana	13	4	14	18
Havlat, Chi	16	5	10	15
Backstrom, Was	14	3	12	15
Staal, Car	17	9	5	14
Perry, Ana	13	8	6	14
Semin, Was	14	5	9	14
Kane, Chi	15	8	5	13
Toews, Chi	16	7	6	13
Savard, Bos	11	6	7	13
Clear, Det	14	6	7	13
Guerin, Pit	16	6	7	13
Ryder, Bos	11	5	8	13
Lidstrom, Det	14	4	9	13
Filppula, Det	15	1	12	13
4 tied				12

Calendar

May 25-30 — NHL Combine, Toronto.

June 5 — Stanley Cup finals begin at Western Conference champion.

June 18 — NHL awards show at Las Vegas.

June 26-27 — NHL draft, Montreal.

July 1 — Free agency signing period begins.

July 5 — Deadline for player-elected salary arbitration.

July 6 — Deadline for club-elected salary arbitration.

July 10 — Deadline for eligible players to elect Group 5 free agency.

July 20-Aug. 4 — Salary arbitration hearings held.

Aug. 6 — Deadline for salary arbitration decisions to be rendered.

Rain helps Reutimann win biggest race of career

BY MARK LONG
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — David Reutimann slipped out his car window, stared up at the rainy, gray sky and waited.

He refused a drink. He turned down a sandwich. He even declined an umbrella.

Reutimann didn't want to stray too far from his car, didn't want to take his eyes off the ominous weather and certainly didn't want to do anything that might change his luck.

Not on this day. Not at this race. Not after all these years.

Reutimann, a 39-year-old journeyman with two lower-tier victories in his previous 265 starts, won the biggest race of his NASCAR career Monday. He gambled during a late caution to grab the lead and eventually won the rain-shortened Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Ryan Newman finished second, followed by Robby Gordon, Carl Edwards and Brian Vickers.

But the real celebration belonged to Reutimann. He had to wait two hours for it, too. He could have done just about anything during the tiresome delay, but Reutimann decided to remain near his No. 00 Toyota.

"I just knew leaning on the car was working," he said following his first Sprint Cup victory in 75 races. "So I figured I shouldn't change up my system any. If a tornado, hurricane comes, doesn't matter, lightning, I'm staying right where I am 'til the bitter end or 'til we go back green again. I wasn't going to move."

He didn't, and fortunately for Reutimann, the rain stuck around, too.

Reutimann didn't lead a single green-flag lap. He had a middle-of-the-pack car



TERRY RENNA/AP

David Reutimann, right, and his father, Buzzie Reutimann, keep an eye on the sky over Lowe's Motor Speedway during a rain delay Monday at the Coca-Cola 600 in Concord, N.C. Reutimann was declared the winner when the race was called after 227 laps.

as teams jockeyed for position just past the halfway point of the gloomy race, which was washed out Sunday and carried over to Monday for the first Memorial Day running in its 50-year history.

The weather wasn't much better a day later, with intermittent showers all around. But no one knew how long the race would last. They just figured the sport's longest race wouldn't go the distance.

When rain brought out a caution flag shortly after the halfway point, leader Kyle

Busch led a parade of cars down pit road. But Reutimann, Newman and Gordon didn't follow, and the three moved to the top of the leaderboard.

They led the field for five laps under caution before NASCAR called the cars back to pit road for the third rain stoppage. Most drivers headed to their motor homes to wait out the rain.

Not Reutimann.

He was joined at his car by his 68-year-old father, Buzzie, a racer with one career

NASCAR start who still tears it up in dirt track events at East Bay Raceway near Tampa, Fla.

"It's been a long road," Buzzie Reutimann said. "It's taken us a long time to get here. I'm afraid I'm going to wake up in the morning and find out I'm dreaming all of this. Wow, words can't describe how great a father would feel to see his son win a race. Seeing that No. 00 up on top of the board, one of the greatest feelings in the world."

The victory even brought tears to the eyes of car owner Michael Waltrip, whose emotional hug with Reutimann brought back memories of Waltrip's first victory as a driver.

After Waltrip crossed the finish line in the 2001 Daytona 500, he waited for car owner Dale Earnhardt to congratulate him. He later learned that Earnhardt fatally crashed coming out of the final turn, seconds before Waltrip crossed the finish line.

"I kind of warned David," said Waltrip, who picked up his first victory as an owner. "I'm feeling pretty good about this hug I'm fixing to give you. So that hug was for David and it was also sort of make up for something that I missed out on when I won a race one day."

Waltrip nicknamed Reutimann "The Franchise" earlier this season and even had the moniker placed on Reutimann's car. It stayed there for a few months, until Reutimann asked for it to be taken down.

"We took that off his car because I think it went to his head a little bit," Waltrip joked. "He started running into stuff. We said we're going to remove that. Now he won, so we're not going to put it back on there."

Canseco goes down (hardly) swinging in debut

Former slugger gets slugged in MMA bout

By JIM ARMSTRONG
The Associated Press

YOKOHAMA, Japan — Jose Canseco came out swinging but didn't last long in his debut in mixed martial arts.

The former Oakland A's slugger was defeated by South Korean super heavyweight Hong Man Choi by a knockout just 1 minute, 17 seconds into the first round at Yokohama Arena.

The referee stopped the fight when the 7-foot-2, 330-pound Choi knocked Canseco to the mat and started punching his head.

"That's a big man," Canseco said after the fight. "I ran into one of his left jabs and that almost knocked me out. You have no idea how scary it was facing a man that big."

Canseco did land the first blow with a right to the upper body of Choi but that was all the damage he could inflict on the Korean giant.

Shortly into the fight, Canseco hurt his right knee and was unable to do much after that.

"I hurt my knee back home real bad but I didn't want to disappoint the fans," Canseco said. "I knew that at some point during the fight my knee was going to give out and once I was down I knew I wasn't going

to get up. He's just too heavy to move."

Canseco came into the arena to "Wild Thing" with a baseball bat on his shoulder. The way things turned out, he probably should have kept the bat.

He took a few swings of the bat after the fight was over and was helped out of the ring by his girlfriend, Heidi Northcott.

Canseco, who hit 462 home runs in 17 seasons in the major leagues, has had several fights inside the ring since leaving baseball but has never taken on professional fighters like Choi, who improved to 2-2 in MMA.

He boxed Danny Bonaduce, a former "Partridge Family" child star, to a draw in a celebrity match in January. The 1988 AL MVP, who named alleged steroid abusers like himself in his two books, lost to former Philadelphia Eagle Vai Sikahema in his first foray into celebrity boxing.

By his acknowledgment, the baseball outcast needs the money. It's one reason why Canseco has accepted a wide variety of offbeat jobs to make ends meet.

He said he will work on getting his knee back in shape before taking any more fights.

"I have no idea if I'll do this again," Canseco said. "I've gotta get my knee better before I commit to anything like this."



ITSUO INOUE/AP

Super heavyweight Hong Man Choi of South Korea, right, fights against former Major League Baseball MVP Jose Canseco during a mixed martial arts bout in Yokohama, Japan, Tuesday. Canseco was knocked out in the first round.

INDIANAPOLIS 500



Alex Tagliani makes a pit stop during Sunday's Indianapolis 500. Tagliani gained 22 spots, the most of any driver in the race.

SETH ROSSMAN/AP

Tagliani chosen as top rookie

By STEVE HERMAN
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Not bad for a guy whose qualification speed wasn't good enough to make the Indianapolis 500.

Canadian driver Alex Tagliani, reinstated in the lineup after qualifications in place of veteran Bruno Junqueira, drove from 33rd to 11th in Sunday's race and was selected rookie of the year during the victory banquet Monday night. His gain of 22 spots was the most of any driver in the race.

"As a driver, you know the car is fast enough to compete in the field, but you know from an exceptional situation we just got bumped," he said of his original race car. "Obviously, with the (Junqueira) car we had, it was just unfortunate that we started so far back. The car was really, really good."

Tagliani, the regular driver for Conquest Racing, was bumped out of the starting field by Ryan Hunter-Reay on the last qualification attempt May 17.

At first, team owner Eric Bachelart said he would stick with Junqueira, who was a late hire for Indy only and had already qualified. But then he decided he couldn't afford to jeopardize the sponsorship

Tagliani had for the rest of the season. So Junqueira was out and Tagliani was back in, although as a replacement he had to start last.

"The only conversation I had with him was just to thank him, to be understanding, and that's all," Tagliani said of Junqueira, a former Indy pole starter who doesn't have a full-time ride this season. "After that, I just spent a lot of time with the engineers to get settled in the second car and pretty much go forward from that."

Tagliani, who drove in the former CART/Champ Car series from 2000 until last year, has two 10th-place finishes, both on road courses, to go with his 11th place on the 2½-mile oval at Indy in his three races for Conquest this season.

He received a prize of \$295,305 Monday night, including a \$25,000 bonus as the race's top newcomer. The other first-year drivers were England's Mike Conway, who wound up 18th; Brazil's Raphael Matos, who ran as high as fourth before a late crash left him 22nd; France's Nelson Philippe, who was 25th; and Robert Doornbos of the Netherlands, who was 28th.

Hunter-Reay, who was the 2008 rookie of the year, crashed on the 20th lap Sunday and finished 32nd.

Indianapolis 500 Rookies of the Year

(Finishing positions in parentheses)

2009—Alex Tagliani (11)
2008—Ryan Hunter-Reay (6)
2007—Phil Giebler (29)
2006—Marco Andretti (2)
2005—Danica Patrick (4)
2004—Kosuke Matsuura (11)
2003—Tora Takagi (5)
2002—Alex Barron (4) and Tomas Scheckter (26)
2001—Helio Castroneves (1)
2000—Juan Montoya (1)
1999—Robby McGehee (5)
1998—Steve Knapp (3)
1997—Jeff Ward (3)
1996—Tony Stewart (24)
1995—Christian Fittipaldi (2)
1994—Jacques Villeneuve (2)
1993—Nigel Mansell (3)
1992—Lyn St. James (11)
1991—Jeff Andretti (15)
1990—Eddie Cheever (8)
1989—Bernard Jourdain (9) and Scott Pruett (10)
1988—Bill Vukovich III (14)
1987—Fabrizio Barbazza (3)
1986—Randy Lanier (10)
1985—Arie Luyendyk (7)
1984—Roberto Guerrero (2) and Michael Andretti (5)
1983—Teo Fabi (26)
1982—Jim Hickman (7)
1981—Josele Garza (23)
1980—Tim Richmond (9)
1979—Howdy Holmes (7)
1978—Larry Rice (11) and Rick Mears (23)
1977—Jerry Sneva (10)
1976—Vern Schuppan (18)
1975—Bill Puterbaugh (7)
1974—Pancho Carter (7)
1973—Graham McRae (16)
1972—Mike Hiss (7)
1971—Denny Zimmerman (8)
1970—Donnie Allison (4)
1969—Mark Donohue (7)
1968—Bill Vukovich Jr. (7)
1967—Denis Hulme (4)
1966—Jackie Stewart (6)
1965—Mario Andretti (3)
1964—Johnny White (4)
1963—Jimmy Clark (2)
1962—Jim McElreath (6)
1961—Bobby Marshman (7) and Parnelli Jones (12)
1960—Jim Hurtubise (18)
1959—Bobby Grim (26)
1958—George Amick (2)
1957—Don Edmunds (19)
1956—Bob Veith (7)
1955—Al Herman (7)
1954—Larry Crockett (9)
1953—Jimmy Daywalt (6)
1952—Art Cross (5)

Biggest prizes

Largest prizes in the Indianapolis 500, listing money, driver, year and race finish in parentheses:
\$3,048,005 — Helio Castroneves, 2009 (1)
\$2,988,065 — Scott Dixon, 2008 (1)
\$1,761,740 — Buddy Rice, 2004 (1)
\$1,744,855 — Sam Hornish Jr., 2006 (1)
\$1,645,233 — Dario Franchitti, 2007 (1)
\$1,606,215 — Helio Castroneves, 2002 (1)
\$1,568,150 — Arie Luyendyk, 1997 (1)
\$1,537,805 — Dan Wheldon, 2005 (1)
\$1,465,190 — Kenny Brack, 1999 (1)
\$1,433,000 — Eddie Cheever, 1998 (1)

Castroneves takes home record prize

By STEVE HERMAN
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Once again, Helio Castroneves couldn't hold back the tears.

The three-time Indianapolis 500 winner, who broke down in sobs in Victory Lane on Sunday, less than two months after he was acquitted of federal tax charges, was overcome by his emotions again Monday night in thanking his family for helping him through the most difficult time of his life.

"Oh, boy, this is going to be tough. I'm starting already," he said to his parents, who were in the audience at the victory dinner at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"Your prayers, Mom, it was incredible, especially in those tough times," he said, his voice breaking. "Now we are enjoying and praying for the good times, so thank you so much. I will never forget what you guys taught me."

"And Dad, you're my best friend, you're my hero," the 34-year-old Brazilian said, choking up again through his tears.

"When I saw you guys in the trial, that was the hardest time, but we're here today as a family."

The prize money from Sunday's race was announced at the victory dinner, and Castroneves' share for Team Penske was a record \$3,048,005, breaking the former record of \$2.99 million to Ganassi Racing's Scott Dixon last year. The total purse of \$14.3 million was just short of the record \$14.4 million last year.

Runner-up Dan Wheldon received \$1.26 million, just under the second-place record \$1.27 million to Vitor Meira a year ago. Danica Patrick took home \$763,305 for third place.

Sports briefs

Tyson's daughter on life support after accident

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The near-fatal strangulation of boxer Mike Tyson's 4-year-old daughter appears to be a "tragic accident," police say.

Exodus Tyson was on life support Tuesday after apparently accidentally hanging herself on a cord dangling from a treadmill in her central Phoenix home.

"Somehow she was playing on this treadmill, and there's a cord that hangs under the console — it's kind of a loop," police Sgt. Andy Hill said. "Either she slipped or put her head in the loop, but it acted like a noose, and she was obviously unable to get herself off of it."

Exodus' 7-year-old brother found her Monday and told their mother, who was in another room. She took Exodus off the cord, called 911 and tried to revive her.

Responding officers and firefighters performed CPR on Exodus as they rushed her to a nearby hospital, where she was in "extremely critical condition" and on life support, Hill said.

Hill said former heavyweight champion Tyson, 42, had been in Las Vegas but flew to Phoenix immediately after learning of the accident.

"The Tyson family would like to extend our deepest and most heartfelt thanks for all your prayers and support, and we ask that we be allowed our privacy at this difficult time," the boxer said in a statement.

Hill said everything in the investigation pointed to a "tragic accident," adding that calls involving children is an officer's most difficult duty.

"Those are the things that stay with you in your career," he said. "We always hope for a miracle — not to have the worst happen to a child."

Patriots' Brady at first formal practice since knee injury

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who was sidelined almost all last season with a knee injury, was back on the field Tuesday with most of his teammates.

The Patriots are holding four days of organized activities this week. The first three days were held last week for young players and for free agents who signed in the offseason and need more time to adjust to the playbook.

Cowboys done with LB Ellis

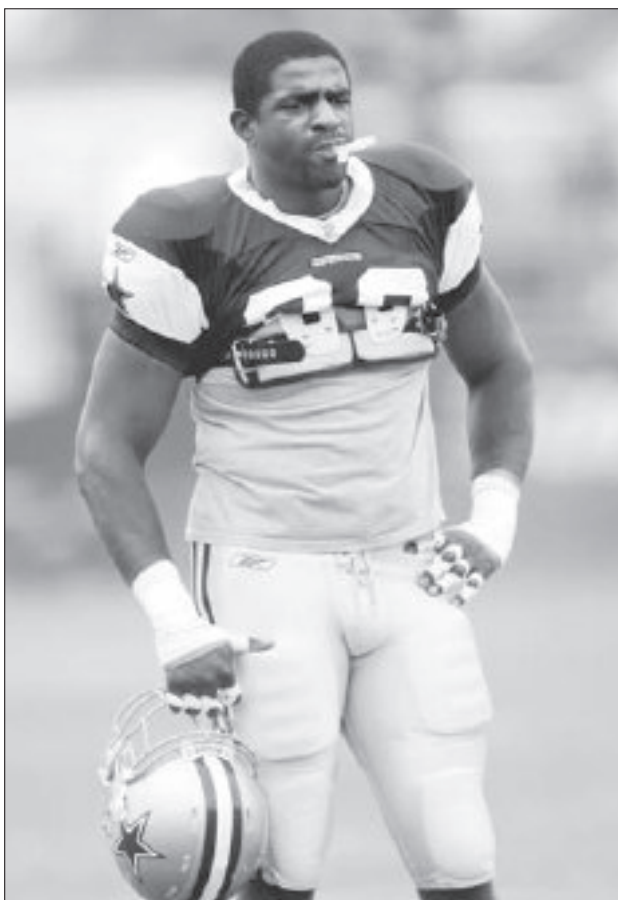
CARROLLTON, Texas — Veteran pass rusher Greg Ellis won't be back with the Dallas Cowboys next season.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday that Ellis would be traded or released. Jones said the decision came after a meeting with Ellis on Tuesday morning.

Ellis, 33, has been with the team since his rookie season in 1998. He had eight sacks last year, and has 77 in his career.

NHL fines Quenneville \$10K

TORONTO — The NHL has fined Chicago Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville \$10,000 for harsh criticism of officiating in his



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Defensive end Greg Ellis won't be back with Dallas next season. Team owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday that Ellis would be traded or released. Jones said the decision came after a meeting with Ellis.

team's loss to Detroit in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals.

Quenneville fumed over a roughing call against defenseman Matt Walker during a scrum as the first period ended Sunday. The Red Wings scored on the ensuing power play 1:13 into the second period extending their lead to 3-0, and went on to win 6-1 and take a 3-1 edge in the series.

"I think we witnessed probably the worst call in the history of sports there," Quenneville said after the game. "Nothing play."

"They scored, it's 3-0. They ruined a good hockey game and absolutely destroyed what was going on the ice. ... Never seen anything like it."

Daly's PGA suspension over

John Daly's suspension on the PGA Tour is over, and the two-time major champion plans to return in three weeks for the St. Jude Championship and U.S. Open qualifying.

Daly was suspended for six months in November after a series of off-course incidents that brought negative publicity, the most recent a photo of him in an orange jail suit with his eyes half-closed after being locked up overnight in North Carolina to get sober.

He has played eight times overseas during his suspension, including a month in Europe, where he tied for second in the Italian Open.

"I know I'll be ready to play,"

Daly said in a telephone interview from Wentworth, where he tied for 72nd at the BMW PGA Championship. "I'm not going to be (half-trying) like I've done in the past. I know I may not play the tour if something good doesn't happen. It's making me work harder."

Daly hasn't won on the PGA Tour since the Buick Invitational five years ago, and he has not kept his card the last two years, having to rely on sponsor exemptions and tournaments where he won, such as the British Open and PGA Championship.

He said he has received a sponsor's exemption to the St. Jude Championship on June 11-14 in Memphis, Tenn., near his home.

NBA rescinds Magic foul

ORLANDO, Fla. — The NBA has rescinded the flagrant foul against Orlando Magic guard Anthony Johnson for elbowing Cleveland's Mo Williams in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said after the team's shootaround Tuesday he was glad the league took back the call.

Johnson drove the lane and extended his elbow in the second quarter of the Magic's victory Sunday. Williams was struck around the left eye and knocked to the floor.

Williams was called for a blocking foul, and Johnson was whistled for a flagrant foul. Williams' bleeding, puffy eye needed

four stitches. He called the play a cheap shot.

The Magic lead the Cavaliers 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

Hendrick mum on status of Earnhardt's crew chief

CONCORD, N.C. — After months of firmly backing Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s crew chief, car owner Rick Hendrick is now being noncommittal about Tony Eury Jr.'s future.

Although Hendrick said Tuesday no personnel changes have been made on Earnhardt's No. 88 Chevrolet, he declined to give Eury Jr. a vote of confidence a day after NASCAR's most popular driver had his worst finish of the season. Hendrick even left open the possibility that Earnhardt could have a new crew chief this weekend in Dover, Del.

Earnhardt ran near the back of the pack Monday and finished 40th in the rain-shortened Coca-Cola 600, his worst showing since last season's finale at Homestead.

Cavs' Wallace angered over Van Gundy 'flop' remark

ORLANDO, Fla. — First, Shaquille O'Neal. Now, Ben Wallace.

For the second time this season, Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy has accused one of the NBA's biggest, baddest players of flopping.

On Monday, Van Gundy said he was bothered by the number of times Wallace and Cleveland Cavaliers point guard Mo Williams dropped to the floor in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals against the Magic. He said the pair "fell down more than a baby learning to walk."

Wallace, a four-time defensive player of the year and one of the league's most intimidating players, took offense to Van Gundy's remarks.

Speaking at a shootaround Tuesday, Wallace suggested that Van Gundy "come out here and do something about it" or shut up, adding an expletive for emphasis. "Whatever he says isn't going to change the way I play defense or the way we play defense. It is what it is."

Van Gundy made the same claims about O'Neal in March, saying he flopped while guarding Magic center Dwight Howard. O'Neal played for Van Gundy in Miami for parts of two seasons.

Judge hears Cuban's motion in SEC case

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban wants an insider trading lawsuit against him thrown out, but he'll have to wait for a judge's decision.

U.S. District Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater heard arguments Tuesday on Cuban's motion to dismiss the Securities and Exchange Commission suit, but didn't rule.

Cuban, sporting a black suit rather than his usual T-shirt and jeans, declined to comment afterward. He sat quietly in the front row of the court gallery throughout the proceeding.

The SEC alleges Cuban engaged in insider trading when he sold shares in an Internet search engine company, Mamma.com Inc., after receiving confidential

information about a private offering. Cuban's attorney argued the SEC is not correctly defining insider trading.

Cardinals' Boldin set to fire agent Rosenhaus

PHOENIX — Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Anquan Boldin is in the process of firing his agent Drew Rosenhaus.

Boldin, in a long contract dispute with the team, informed the NFL Players Association in a letter that he wanted to replace the agent. The players association says it received the letter on Friday, so with the required five-day waiting period, Boldin can sign with a new agent on Thursday.

Rosenhaus issued a statement saying he has great respect for Boldin and hopes that the player returns to "the Rosenhaus Sports family" soon.

Big NFL players are prone to high blood pressure

CHICAGO — Supersized pro football players are prone to high blood pressure but fare better on some other health measures than more average-sized men, new NFL-sponsored research shows.

The mixed results suggest that intense physical conditioning can help reduce but not wipe out ill effects excess weight has on heart disease-related risks.

Compared with other men their age, the National Football League players studied were more than twice as likely to have high blood pressure — 14 percent versus 6 percent for non-players.

Among the biggest players — linemen with a body mass index in the obese range — about 90 percent had either high blood pressure or pre-hypertension, which is less dangerous but still risky.

The biggest players also had worse levels of "good" cholesterol and blood fats called triglycerides, but fewer signs of pre-diabetes than non-players.

The NFL and study authors downplayed the negative findings from a pool of 504 players of all sizes. Except for high blood pressure, the authors said, players on average faced no greater heart disease risks than men their same age in the general population.

Celtics' Garnett undergoes arthroscopic knee surgery

BOSTON — Kevin Garnett had surgery Tuesday on his right knee after missing all of the playoffs.

The Boston Celtics defensive star and inspirational leader had bone spurs removed during the arthroscopic surgery.

"I expect Kevin to return to active duty in full force and be that consummate two-way professional that he has shown all of us throughout his fantastic NBA career," coach Doc Rivers said.

Garnett was the NBA's defensive player of the year in 2007-08, his first season with Boston and 13th in the league. He was an outstanding defender again this season but was limited to 57 games. With a strained tendon along with the bone spurs, Garnett played in just four games in the last two months of the regular season.

AL roundup

Indians stun Rays with rally

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Trailing by 10 runs, Victor Martinez told his Cleveland Indians teammates they could win.

Martinez, in an 0-for-18 slump, backed up his words by lining a two-out, two-run single to cap a seven-run ninth inning that gave the Indians an 11-10 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

"You never know what's going to happen," Martinez said after his hit off Jason Istringhausen (0-1) ruined the Rays' night, which began with the much-awaited season debut of starter David Price. The left-hander was staked to a 10-0 lead but ran his pitch count up and lasted only 3 1/3 innings.

"When he came out, I said, 'Go out there and be a tough out, and just keep battling,'" Martinez said. "That's what we did."

The Indians became the first team to make up a 10-run deficit and win since the Texas Rangers rallied to beat the Detroit Tigers 16-15 on May 8, 2004, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"When you do something like this, it is special," Indians manager Eric Wedge said.

It was the largest blown lead in Rays history. Tampa Bay had twice led games 10-2 before losing 20-11 each time — to the New York Yankees in 2005 and Cleveland in 1999.

Ryan Garko's two-run homer off Price in the fourth started the comeback. His three-run shot in the ninth off Grant Balfour made it 10-7.

"I wanted to put the barrel of the

bat on the ball and just happened to hit a home run," Garko said of his second homer. "The important thing was not making the last out. Nobody wanted to do that."

Jeremy Sowers (1-2) pitched five scoreless innings for the win in his first relief appearance after 51 career starts.

The loss was Tampa Bay's 14th in a row in Cleveland. The Rays have not won a road game against the Indians since a 1-0 victory on Sept. 28, 2005.

The teams combined to use 11 pitchers, who issued a total of 19 walks — 10 by the Rays.

Istringhausen walked the first three men he faced, forcing in one run to make it 10-8. Martinez then lined a 3-2 pitch to center and was mobbed by teammates in Cleveland's biggest win of a disappointing season.

"The walks are unacceptable," Istringhausen. "I'd rather give up home runs than walk guys."

The Indians still have the worst record in the AL at 18-28 and are just 8-11 at home.

But Garko said he felt confident seeing Martinez at the plate with the game on the line. The catcher leads the Indians with 32 RBIs and a .364 batting average.

"That's the guy you want up there in that spot," Garko said.

Price struggled with his command, walking five.

"He had great stuff, but was all over the place," Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

Indians starter Fausto Carmona was even wilder. The right-hander unraveled in the second inning, walking the first four men

he faced on 20 pitches and giving up five runs while registering only one out.

Gabe Gross hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs for the Rays.

Price struck out the side in the first after Jamey Carroll drew a leadoff walk and went to third on a bloop double by Grady Sizemore. But he couldn't complete the five innings required of a starter to earn a win. The left-hander gave up two runs and four hits, striking out six. He threw 100 pitches — 57 for strikes.

"I was averaging 10 pitches an out," Price said. "I didn't have a feel for anything."

Yankees 11, Rangers 1: At Arlington, Texas, Alex Rodriguez matched a career high with five hits for the Yankees in his first game at Texas since admitting he used steroids while playing for the Rangers from 2001-2003.

Rodriguez drove in four runs and Phil Hughes (3-2) tossed eight shutout innings for New York, which has won 11 of 13.

Nelson Cruz connected against Yankees reliever Alfredo Aceves in the ninth, hitting his fifth homer in six games.

Athletics 6, Mariners 1: At Oakland, Calif., Travis Buck homered and scored three runs, and Adam Kennedy had career-high tying four hits for the Athletics.

Brett Anderson pitched six strong innings for his second major league win with the last-place A's, who beat Seattle for just the second time in seven meetings this season.

Ichiro Suzuki went 4 for 4 with



TONY DEJAK/AP

The Cleveland Indians' Victor Martinez watches the ball after hitting a two-run single in the ninth inning Monday in Cleveland. Ben Francisco and Jamey Carroll scored. The Indians won 11-10.

three infield hits to extend his hitting streak to 19 games, and Kenji Johjima homered before leaving with a broken toe in the opener of the Mariners' six-game road trip.

Anderson (2-4) yielded one run and six hits. Kevin Cameron pitched three innings for his first career save.

White Sox 17, Angels 3: At Anaheim, Calif., Jim Thome surpassed Mike Schmidt for 13th place on the career home run list, and Jermaine Dye and Paul Konerko also went deep.

John Danks (4-3) breezed after Thome helped stake the left-hander to an 11-3 lead in the third with his 549th home run and eighth this season.

Dye drove in four runs and Ramirez had three RBIs for the defending AL Central champions.

Vladimir Guerrero was 0-for-4 in his first game since April 15, after being sidelined because of a torn pectoral muscle on the right side of his chest.

Ervin Santana (0-2) retired only three of 13 batters.

NL roundup

Padres top D-backs, extend winning streak to 10

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Make it 10 in a row for the San Diego Padres — and one in a row on the road.

The Padres won their 10th straight overall, and snapped an 11-game road losing streak in the process, by rallying from six runs down to beat Arizona 9-7 in 10 innings on Monday.

The first nine victories in the National League's longest winning streak this season came in San Diego, and it took an improbable late comeback to keep it going in Arizona.

"I know we didn't play well the last trip," manager Bud Black said, "but I didn't know we'd lost that many in a row until I got thrown out of the game and heard it on TV."

Black and catcher Nick Hundley were ejected by home plate umpire Eric Cooper in the bottom of the sixth.

The Padres trailed 7-1 after seven innings and it appeared Arizona, coming off a 6-3 road trip, would open its seven-game homestand with a victory.

Then came one big San Diego hit after another off a series of Diamondbacks relievers, capped by Chase Headley's two-run homer in the 10th.

"It's not unlike the first couple of weeks

of the season," Black said. "We came back from 7-1 in Philadelphia ... We've done it before. It's something we as coaches always remember, to remind our guys that we can do it. If you do it once, you can do it again."

The Padres scored five in the eighth, one in the ninth and two in the 10th.

"It's been a lot of fun to come to the ballpark these last 10 days," Headley said. "We come here and we expect to win. It's not that we come in here and hope to win, we expect to win. We just couldn't give up today."

Henry Blanco led off the 10th with his second single, then Headley hit a 1-1 pitch from Tony Pena (4-2) some 424 feet off a sign above the swimming pool in left-center.

"It's just the best feeling in the world," Headley said. "You go up there and you get a big hit in a big situation and it ends up being the game winner. There's nothing better than that."

Dodgers 16, Rockies 6: At Denver, the Dodgers scored seven runs in the fourth inning and eight in the seventh in the rout.

James Loney, Russell Martin, Juan Castro and Matt Kemp had three hits each and Juan Pierre had a bases-loaded triple for the Dodgers, who matched their season high with 19 hits.

Will Ohman (1-0) picked up the win for

Los Angeles.

Brad Hawpe had two doubles and three RBIs for the Rockies.

Reds 8, Astros 5: At Cincinnati, Jonny Gomes had three RBIs and the Reds made the most of three Houston errors, scoring eight unearned runs.

Gomes had three hits for the Reds, who have won three of four.

Jerry Hairston Jr., Ramon Hernandez, Adam Rosales and starter Aaron Harang (5-4) had two hits apiece.

Lance Berkman hit a two-run homer for Houston, which tied a season high with its fifth consecutive loss.

Giants 8, Braves 2: At San Francisco, Travis Ishikawa had a three-run homer among his career-high four hits, and Jonathan Sanchez won for the first time in more than a month.

Sanchez (2-4) had gone 0-3 over a six-start winless stretch since his last victory April 17.

Javier Vazquez (4-4) took the loss.

Marlins 5, Phillies 3: At Philadelphia, Wes Helms homered and drove in four runs for the Marlins.

Chris Volstad (4-3) allowed three runs and six hits. Matt Lindstrom finished for his ninth save in 11 chances.

Ryan Howard hit a pair of homers for

the NL East-leading Phillies, while Jamie Moyer (3-5) failed in his fifth try to earn his 250th win.

The defending World Series champions, a major-league best 16-6 on the road, fell to 8-13 at home.

Mets 5, Nationals 2: At New York, Gary Sheffield hit a disputed, tiebreaking three-run homer in the sixth inning for the Mets that was upheld by video review.

John Maine (4-3) limited the Nationals to one run and four hits in six innings.

With the score 1-1 in the sixth, Luis Castillo doubled leading off against John Lannan (2-4) and Carlos Beltran walked. Sheffield sent the next pitch deep to left field.

A fan reached out and the ball bounced back to the field. Third base umpire Adrián Johnson signaled a home run, and Washington manager Manny Acta argued. Three umpires consulted video replay. After a 6-minute wait, Sheffield's 503rd career homer was official.

Pirates 10, Cubs 8: Freddy Sanchez had Pittsburgh's first six-hit game in 19 years, scored four runs, and drove in three, sending host Chicago to its eighth straight loss.

Sanchez hit a two-run homer, doubled and singled four times for the second six-hit game in the majors this season.

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NBA PLAYOFFS: WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS



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Denver Nuggets guard J.R. Smith reacts after making a three-point shot against the Los Angeles Lakers during the second half of Game 4 of the Western Conference finals Monday night in Denver. Smith helped pick up the slack for the sick and injured Carmelo Anthony, scoring 24 points in the Nuggets' 120-101 victory.

'Melo's supporting cast steps up

Ailing Anthony gets help as Nuggets even series at 2-2

By PAT GRAHAM
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DENVER — Carmelo Anthony had a better supporting cast than Kobe Bryant on a night he really needed it.

With Anthony sick and injured, his ensemble pitched in and lifted the Denver Nuggets to a 120-101 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday night that evened the Western Conference finals at two games apiece.

"Tonight, all of them stepped

up," Anthony said.

They had to with their star hobbled by a sprained ankle and a stomach virus, something he picked up just before game time and which forced him to receive IV treatment at halftime.

Anthony, who's averaging 27.1 points in the playoffs, struggled to find his rhythm, going 3-for-16 from the field and finishing with 15 points.

No matter, though. J.R. Smith

had his back. So did Chauncey Billups.

Both finished with 24 points and hit clutch shots in the fourth quarter to lift the Nuggets' spirits as they head into Game 5 on Wednesday night in Los Angeles.

"We know the importance of that game," Billups said.

The Nuggets' bench got back into the act on Monday, outscoring their counterparts 42-24.

"It's satisfying," Anthony said.

"It's very satisfying to win a game knowing I wasn't 100 percent out there tonight."

Bryant didn't have quite the same support.

Still, he tried to carry the Lakers down the stretch, scoring 13 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter.

"They just whooped us, period," Bryant admitted. "They whooped us on the glass. They whooped us to loose balls."

Fatigue may finally be catching up with the Lakers, who had to endure a grueling seven-game series against the Houston Rockets while the Nuggets got to relax for a few days after wrapping up their tussle with the Dallas Mavericks in five games.

Bryant even conceded as much, saying he was exhausted after almost single-handedly pulling one out for the Lakers in Game 3 that gave them back homecourt advantage.

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